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BERLIN WILL RESIST TO THE LAST

Red Army Captures Landsberg

Zhukov Penetrates 30 Miles Inside German Border; Only 68 Miles From Capital

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 31.

The German High Command will declare Berlin a fortified town, to be defended "stone by stone", the Berlin Correspondent of Stockholm Morgon Tidningen reported today.

Berlin Fortifications Being Rushed

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Himmler has given orders for the fortification of Berlin, says a "Daily Express" message.

Policemen, firemen, invalid and convalescent soldiers have all been drafted into "fortification squads." They are building strong points and defence positions all over Berlin.

The stream of refugees pouring into Berlin from the East is disorganising food distribution. Long columns of Berlin women are besieging the shops, angrily demanding food.

S.S. Patrols search the main streets for trouble-makers.

Globe's Moscow correspondent says the weather is worse inside Germany than in Poland or Russia. Berlin is reported to have 54 degrees of frost. Moscow on Tuesday had not more than 27 degrees of frost.—GLOBE.

From Reuter's Special Correspondent: Marshal Zhukov is cracking German border defences over a steadily wider area while his tank and motorised infantry columns are whittling down the mileage on the direct route to Frankfurt and Berlin.

The Germans are now trying frantically to plug gaps in the border defences at three main points—90 miles East of Stettin, 59 miles south-east of Stettin and 87 miles east of Berlin.

On the left flank Marshal Zhukov is firmly established on the east bank of the Oder and his heavy guns are now pounding nests of steel and concrete fortifications on the other side of the river, creating a new threat to this all important German waterline.

Marshal Zhukov, swinging his superheavy "break-through" tanks from left to right is steadily widening gaps ing holes in the German fortifications' network, while armoured spearheads drive on beyond the line of the breach to seize road knots before the Germans can regroup shattered front line units and deploy reserves.

On the second day after the announcements of the Red Army's break-through into Brandenburg and Pomerania, the battle is still going on persistently against the Germans.

The original Soviet breaches are merging and turning into an almost continuous front on the German soil, paving the way for a general advance on Stettin, Frankfurt and the Reich capital.

Marshal Zhukov is now striking to cut the railway linking Danzig with the threatened north German port of Stettin.

FLIGHT FROM EAST PRUSSIA

High German officers are trying to flee by plane from the East Prussia encirclement. Near Koenigsberg Soviet pilots spotted and wrecked a larger part of a big fleet of German transports assembled for the evacuation of key personnel, while on another airfield a giant 'Focke-wulf-Kurier' was destroyed just as it was about to take off for the German interior.

Berlin official announcements late on Tuesday to-night, reported that a huge Soviet tank army is trying to "fan out between Frankfurt on the Oder and Kuestrin" as also on the Oder 16 miles north of Frankfurt. Neither of these points are much more than 40 miles east of Berlin.

Red Fleet Will Oppose Any Baltic Withdrawal

LONDON, Jan. 30.—Marshal Zhukov's forces moving on Frankfurt-on-Oder and the fortress town of Kuestrin, further north, presumably will line the east bank of the Oder right up to the big Baltic port of Stettin, which stands at the Oder's mouth, writes Globe's military correspondent.

If Hitler hopes to transport men and material from the Baltic States where they are trapped, he will meet with opposition from the Red Fleet, for the bigger German warships have been moved from the Baltic ports to Copenhagen.

It is evident that the Germans planned "Tobruk" type centres of resistance along the Baltic coast, but this role would obviously be much hampered by the strong Russian Fleet and powerful Red Air Force support.

Stettin and its associated ports also are well within the bombing operations area of the R.A.F.—Globe.

Copenhagen For Nazi Baltic Fleet

LONDON, Jan. 31: A Stockholm report by the Danish Press Service states that the Germans are preparing to use Copenhagen as base for their Baltic fleet. At noon to-day all Danish port authorities had to hand over their buildings to German military authorities and all naval dockyard employees living within the dockyard area had to leave their homes. Report added: "Cruiser 'Nuernberg' is already lying off Copenhagen and a number of smaller vessels arrived yesterday."

Riots In German Capital?

From Reuter's Special Correspondent:—Moscow, Wednesday.

Marshal Zhukov's forces driving their seventy mile wedge straight towards Berlin are to-day starting an assault to shatter the German lines guarding Kuestrin and Frankfurt, the last bastions before the German capital.

Reports received here indicate that the whole area of the German capital is in a ferment of riots as the Red Army punches still nearer Berlin.

Behind the lines of the front, the first German prisoners are being led away over their own soil. They are beaten men—hungry, tired and half-frozen. At Koenigsberg, the Germans' last link with the West has probably snapped by now. Soviet troops are deep inside of the fortifications and a surrender call may be made soon.

The Russian determination to crash through towards Berlin is being met with German desperation fanned to fever heat by the realisation that the battle east of the Oder is now only a struggle for time. A swiftly accelerating Soviet advance to this river-line over the remainder of its length is now a certainty, and already from Marshal Zhukov's positions down to Marshal Konlev's pivoting position on the upper reaches of the river, a total of some 180 miles of the east bank are in Soviet hands.

Why Kesselring Hangs On In Italy

ITALIAN FRONT, Jan. 30.—There is still no sign that the Germans intend withdrawing from northern Italy, because of the Russian advance.

Two theories are held about why Kesselring pursues the seemingly suicidal policy of hanging on: One is that his troops, facing unconditional surrender, have found strength through desperation. The other is that the Germans in Italy may hope to have the role of last bargaining weapon when the Reich is occupied.

With their rear protected by the Alps, the German Army in northern Italy is self-supporting. Arms and ammunition can be supplied by the industrial areas and agricultural lands can maintain the Army at the expense of the civil population.

The Allied Air Force is finding the Brenner Pass difficult to cut, though bombers can harass and dislocate traffic. It is claimed the line was only once really cut and then the Germans speedily used the conscripted Todt labour organisation to repair it.—Globe.

Russian Staff Officers Using Map Of Berlin

MOSCOW, Jan. 30.—"Russian staff

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RUSSIANS CAPTURE LANDSBERG

MOSCOW, Jan. 31.

Marshal Stalin in an 'Order of the Day' to Marshal Zhukov says Landsberg, 30 miles inside the German border has been captured.

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68 MILES TO BERLIN

"Troops of the First White Russian Command continuing their successful offensive west and south-west of Poznan crossed the border into Germany, broke into the province of Brandenburg and to-day, fought their way into and captured the towns of Landsberg, Meseritz, Schwiebus, and Zuellichau, important communications centres and powerful bastions in the German defences covering the approaches to Frankfurt in Oder."

At Landsberg, Marshal Zhukov is 68 miles from the nearest point to Berlin.

BIG THREE MEETING MYSTERY

(From D. F. KARAKA, "Chronicle" War Correspondent)

ROME, January 30.

"In view of the Red Army's sensational drive towards Berlin it appears unlikely that Marshal Stalin will find time to attend the "Big Three" Conference. Therefore, one of the two things is likely. Either Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill will have quick and short parleys in which General De Gaulle will participate and wherein Burma and Pacific fronts will predominate or the conference will await the fall of Berlin and the possible crack up of Germany.

The former appears more likely, specially in view of the presence of Mr. Harry Hopkins in several capitals of Europe.

Arthur Moore's New Deal For Nazis

CALCUTTA, Jan. 31: Mr. Arthur Moore, former editor of "The Statesman", in a broadcast talk here tonight, made a strong plea to make a future war impossible.

"We deceive ourselves if we think that either the Atlantic Charter or Dumbarton Oaks mean a thing to Greeks or Poles. League of Nations in the sense of Leagues of Governments can only lead to bigger wars, requiring no doubt longer periods of preparation—miscalled peace—in between.

"What shall we do with Germany? I do not know what will be done, but I do not think momentary passions are a safe guide. I have seen a suggestion that Germany should be completely denationalised and I think that is a good suggestion.

"Let our international federal machine be set up in Germany instead of Switzerland, and let there be no German Government at all, only a world Federal Government. No future Hitlers and no secret re-arming would then be possible, and future Germans would be taught that Hitler destroyed Germany and that their only future is to be good citizens of the world.—A. P.

German Refugees Trekking Away Endlessly

LONDON, Jan. 30.

A German overseas news agency reporter said tonight that millions of German refugees were trekking away from the advancing spearheads of the Red Army in groups ranging from only few carts to giant queues stretching from 30 to 40 miles.

"This mass migration is still on the march covering between 20 and 25 miles daily", he said.—Reuter.

EGYPTIAN DEPUTIES TO GREET FAROUK

Progress Towards Arab League

CAIRO, Jan. 31.—King Farouk received an enthusiastic welcome today on returning to Cairo after visiting Ibn Saud in Saudi Arabia. Tomorrow a deputation of the Chamber of Deputies, which has already passed a resolution thanking King Farouk for having brought about "the historic Arab meeting at Yembo" will go to the palace to submit congratulations and loyalty to the monarch.

The draft reply to the recent Throne speech prepared by a Chamber of Deputies Committee states that Egypt is fully satisfied that Government made Arab unity part of its national policy and notes with satisfaction Ibn Saud's adhesion to the Alexandria Protocol aimed at the setting up of an Arab League.—Reuter.

'NO' TO POONA CITY CONGRESS

POONA, Jan. 31.—The request of the Poona City Congress Committee for the restoration of the rooms they were occupying in the Poona Congress House has been rejected by the District Magistrate, Poona.—A.P.

First-hand reports of the incidents which have occurred recently on the west flank in Italy in the vicinity of Serchio Valley indicate that the younger elements to the enemy are still stubborn in the fight even when all appears lost for them. Indian officers, not prone to exaggeration, told me how young German youths at gunposts would refuse to put up hands and come out of holes even when their ammunition was exhausted.

The belief that Germany cannot lose the war still appears to be ingrained in younger Germans, from which it would be dangerous to presuppose that by the fall of Berlin the war will come to an end.

Entering Berlin will not be the same as entering Rome.

Late Mr. Wendell Willkie's dictum that this is war for men's minds is now truer than ever before. Eleven years of Nazism has given German youths a different mind from that of a normal person."

"Big Three" Conference Imminent

LONDON, Jan. 31

Certain well-known signs in the last 24 hours make it fairly obvious that the meeting of the "Big Three" is imminent writes Reuter's Special Correspondent.

Last night Mrs. Roosevelt spoke for her husband at the birthday party and yesterday Mr. Clement Attlee, Deputy Prime Minister, answered questions in Parliament in place of Mr. Churchill. To-day Mr. Richard Law, Minister of State, answered Foreign Affairs questions in Parliament in place of the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden. And Mr. Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's Personal Envoy, who recently made a lightning tour of London, Paris and Rome, has now gone to an "unknown destination."

All this adds up to one thing: the big conference. The only question now is where will they meet? —Reuter.

STETTINIUS IN ITALY

ROME, Jan. 31: It is officially disclosed to-day that Mr. Stettinius the United States Secretary of State, has been in Italy.

Avenue Of Conference

LONDON, Jan. 30—The possibility that the "Big 3" meeting will take place in south Russia is suggested by the diplomatic correspondent of "The Observer." The Russian war news suggests, he says, that Stalin will not be asked to move far.—GLOBE.

Plans For Control Of Post-War Germany

LONDON, Jan. 31

As the Russians drive on, the final preparations are being made for the Churchill-Roosevelt-Stalin meeting. The priority Number One on its agenda is: what to do with Germany in the event of sudden military collapse.

The Allied long-turn plans for the control of post-war Germany have already been fixed. The urgent question will be the immediate plan for dealing with (1) sudden German military debacle or (2) the move by German Generals to throw in their hands on the Eastern front—and seek accommodation with Russia.

It is expected that the Allied leaders will issue a final demand for surrender of Germany in general terms and then to work out their plan for immediate action to deal with the sudden German defeat.—U.P.

German Govt. Moving To Bavaria

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 30.

German Government departments are being moved from Berlin to Bayreuth in Bavaria, according to the Free German Press Service which is reputed to be in touch with German resistance groups. Hitler will remain in his mountain fortress at Obersalzberg, it add d.

Ribbentrop is said to be still in Bad Fuschel.

U-BOAT ACTIVITY TO BEGIN

New Nazi Device To Provide Under-Sea Breathing

SHAEF, Jan. 31: The full effects of Germany's U-boat warfare are expected to be felt soon, writes Reuter's special correspondent.

The battle has not yet reached its peak and at the moment the attacks are having a negligible effect on the stream of supply to the Allied armies. But there is no doubt that the struggle will develop in a scale with increasing casualties on both sides.

Although the U-boat fleet may reach a formidable size it is unlikely to approach the numbers engaged in the great Atlantic battles of 1942 or be able to interfere with Allied strategy in the west. Nowhere in Allied circles is there any tendency to underrate the danger of the German effort, but, everywhere there is confidence in the outcome of the struggle.

The return of U-boat menace has been made possible by a new device which enables the craft to breathe while under water.

This enables submarines to remain submerged for long periods—for as long as they have food and fuel—and even to recharge their batteries without surfacing. The breathing device is a simple air tube which protrudes above water alongside the periscope.—Reuter.

LADY MIRZA ISMAIL LOSES LAKH JEWELLERY

BOMBAY, Wednesday

A daring day-light theft of jewellery valued at Rs. one lakh belonging to Lady Mirza Ismail who arrived in the city by the Madras Express, was committed at the Victoria Terminus yesterday at noon.

Lady Mirza was travelling in a first class compartment from Bangalore. Attached to her compartment was her servants' compartment. When the train was about to start from Dadar Station an unknown person got in the servants' compartment and when he was asked as to who he was, he is stated to have talked in such a way as to convince the servants that he was well-acquainted with Lady Mirza and wanted to see her at the Victoria Terminus.

At the Victoria Terminus when the train halted Lady Mirza was received by her friends. The culprit who got in the servant's compartment at Dadar also alighted and mixed with those who had come to receive her. Lady Mirza, it was stated, before proceeding to the waiting car, entrusted the purse containing the jewellery and which was with her all the while, to one of her servants. The culprit was watching the whole thing and as soon as she walked towards the car, he went to the servant and told him that Lady Mirza wanted the purse. The servant handed over the purse to him with which he decamped.

The Railway police in co-operation with the Bombay C.I.D. are making vigorous inquiries but the culprit has not yet been arrested.

INQUIRY INTO HYDERABAD STOCK EXCHANGE

HYDERABAD (Dn) Jan. 31: A Press Note says: "An Enquiry Committee has been appointed by a 'Firman-Mubarak' to investigate the complaints made against dealings of the Hyderabad Stock Exchange, its managing agents, brokers and other persons concerned, such as promoters of newly formed companies and directors and agents of such companies."—A. P.

Munshis' Gift To Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan

BOMBAY, Jan. 31.—Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Munshi have offered to transfer by way of gift, to the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, the copyright in all their books, both English and Gujarati which are nearly forty including novels and dramas, some of which are the best sellers in the Gujarati language. It is understood that the Bhavan is making arrangements for translation of these works in most of the Indian languages, and that a leading firm of publishers in Allahabad is bringing out the translations in Hindi and Urdu.—United Press.

HILL'S SUGGESTION

LONDON, Jan. 31: A British Empire Scientific Collaboration as the first step to avert another war was suggested by Prof. A. V. Hill speaking at the Royal Society to-day.—Reuter.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 31: The Royal Calcutta Turf Club has contributed Rs. 1,25,799 to the Red Cross Appeal Fund, Bengal, being the net proceeds of the racing held on January 20.

The Governor of the United Provinces has notified the imposition of a collective fine of Rs. 1,000 on the inhabitants of the village Misa Khurd in the district of Etah, says a notification in the Gazette.

Bhulabhai Formula Reaches Whitehall

Coalition Govt. At Centre Under Joint Leadership

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, January 31.

Mr. Bhulabhai Desai's proposals as discussed with Viscount Wavell have been communicated to Mr. Amery, the Secretary of State, according to persons in the know here.

These proposals 'inter alia' envisage an equal sharing of power at the centre by the Congress and the League.

Under the Desai scheme there is to be a joint leader of two parties who will submit to the Governor-General a list of names for membership of the Executive Council.

It is yet difficult to indicate Whitehall's reactions to these proposals. There are obvious hurdles. Firstly, Gandhiji, replying to Madras Harijan leaders, had declared that he had no authority to permit them to form a ministry. Obviously, therefore, he could not authorise Mr. Bhulabhai Desai to make an offer or open negotiations with Lord Wavell.

The attitude of the Muslim League leader, Mr. Jinnah, is more striking. He flatly denied all knowledge of the Liaquat-Desai agreement. In fact, Nawabzada Liaquat Ali himself has issued a disclaimer. Lastly the members of the Congress Working Committee, now in detention, are believed to be opposed to Gandhiji even resuming talks with Mr. Jinnah, unless they had an opportunity to survey the situation.

The restriction order on Bihar Congress leaders and the language of the Bihar Government 'communique' are indications that Government's policy 'vis-a-vis' the Congress's August, 1942, Resolution remains unchanged. That policy, as enunciated by Lord Wavell, is for the withdrawal of the resolution. It would thus appear that Mr. Bhulabhai's was an unilateral action presumably to sound Lord Wavell whether there could be any change in British policy towards India and in what manner the Cripps offer could be implemented as far as the present was concerned. With some encouragement from Lord Wavell, Mr. Desai is expected to approach leaders of different parties and canvass support for his proposals.

In any case no development is expected for some weeks during which Lord Wavell will be mostly away from the capital.

PROPOSED TAGORE INSTITUTE

Shaw Prefers Chair Of Indian Literature

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Mr. B. B. Ray Chaudhury, Organising Secretary of the Tagore Society and a member of the Organising Committee of the Proposed Tagore Institute at Camoridge, has received a message from George Bernard Shaw stating: "I think it would be more sensible to endow a chair of Indian Literature in the Cambridge University. It could be called the Tagore Professorship. This would set an example to other Universities."

Meanwhile the organisers of the proposed Institute have received a number of messages from well-known British authors and professors at the Oxford and Cambridge Universities supporting the project.—Reuter.

TOWARDS PEACE IN GREECE

ATHENS, Jan. 31.—The E A M delegation is expected to arrive in Athens in time for the opening of the Conference tomorrow it is learnt—despite reports to the contrary—on very reliable authority.

QUISLING MINISTER EXECUTED

The corpse of Georges Pirounakis, Minister of Supplies under the Greek Quisling Premier John Rallis, was identified today among corpses of persons executed by ELAS during the civil war. Pirounakis was captured by ELAS when they stormed the Ayeroff Prison, where he was awaiting trial.

HITCH OVER DELEGATES?

LONDON, Jan. 31.—From Reuter's diplomatic correspondent: According to information received in British quarters in London, the Greek Government is not satisfied with E A M Central Committee's choice of delegates for the projected conference with the Greek Government. The E A M Central Committee has nominated Siantos, Parosalides and Tsirimokos. The Greek Government considering that the Communist Party effectively controls the E A M—E L A S has stipulated that the delegates should only be Communists. Siantos and Partsalides are Communists but Tsirimokos is popular and is a democrat. In these circumstances the Greek Government has requested the E A M Central Committee to reconsider its selection of delegates.—Reuter.

MOSCOW ENVOY FOR ATHENS

LONDON, Jan. 31: Mr. Richard Law, Minister of State told the Commons to-day in reply to a question that the Soviet Government were about to appoint an Ambassador at Athens.

Czechs Recognise Warsaw Govt.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—It is officially stated that the Czechoslovak Government at their meeting on Tuesday unanimously decided to recognise the Provisional Polish Government in Warsaw and to enter into diplomatic relations with it.—Reuter.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (JULY).

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.

Previous Closing	21.18
Today's Opening	21.22
Difference	+04
Today's Closing	21.31
Difference	+13

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—

General Motors unquoted
Anaconda Copper Mining dol 30-5/8
U. S. Steel Corpn dol 59-7/8
U. S. Steel Pref unquoted.—Reuter.

AHMEDABAD MILLS DEADLOCK

Workers And Owners Fail To Reach Agreement On Bonus Issue

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 31.

It is gathered from responsible circles that no room now exists for settlement between the Millowners' Association and the Majur Mahajan on the question of bonus as the differences between both the parties are fundamental.

Now the whole question will be referred to the Conciliation Board and if both the parties will not be able to reach a settlement the Majur Mahajan will give 15 days' notice of General Strike after publication of the Conciliation Board's report in Government Gazette. In that case if Government will not think fit to intervene and force both the parties to refer their cases to the Industrial Court, the local textile industry will be involved in general strike at the end of March or in the first week of April.

Latest On Iran Oil

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Mr. George Hall, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons today that he was hopeful that the views of Britain, United States, and Russia on their oil policies in Iran and those of the Iranian Government would in due course be found to be substantially in accord. He added, however, that no detailed discussion had yet taken place. He was replying to a question by Mr. Alfred Edwards (Labour), whether there had been any result from exchange of views between Britain, United States and Russia on this subject.

NO HIGH COURT FOR ORISSA TILL END OF WAR

CUTTACK, Jan. 31: The Secretary of State for India has decided that further consideration of the question of the constitution of a High Court for Orissa should be postponed for the duration of the war.—A. P.

SPAIN GRANTS CREDIT TO FRANCE

MADRID.—The Spanish Government has granted France a credit of 200,000,000 pestas to help supply the French civilian population with oil, dried fruits, canned fish, etc. Some shipments have already reached France.—India Press Service.

STOP PRESS

WAR CRIMES COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

LONDON, Jan. 31: The United Nations War Crimes Commission today elected as its Chairman Rt. Hon. Lord Wright, Lord of Appeal-in-Ordinary, who represents Australia on the Commission.

OVER 250 MILES IN 17 DAYS

This new Soviet crossing of the border means that Marshal Zhukov now holds a 150 miles long arrowlike front across Pomerania and Brandenburg with the point in the Landsberg area. The southern flank appears to be heading due west to Berlin and the northern one across Pomerania to Stettin. Marshal Zhukov's Central Army Group has now advanced over 250 miles in 17 days since the start of the First White Russian front offensive.—Reuter.

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Divorce Clause In Hindu Law

Idea Favoured By Bombay Women's Council

The view of the Bombay Presidency Women's Council favouring provision being made in Hindu Law for divorce was expressed while tendering evidence, at the second day's sitting of the Hindu Law Committee. The Committee started its work at the Bombay Secretariat on Monday.

Evidence on behalf of the Council was given by Mrs. Kamala Dongerkery, its President and Mrs. Sulochana Mody, Vice-President. The Council, while basing its case on equality of status for man and woman, economic independence for women and equitable law for man and woman as regards marriage and property, generally welcomed the Draft Hindu Law Code.

Mrs. Rabiben Mulji, while being in favour of monogamy, wanted that the law should make an exception of cases in which the wife herself, due to an ailment, might permit the husband to take a second wife. She was opposed to civil marriages being encouraged as they smacked of a business transaction rather than a sacrement. She expressed the view that it should be made compulsory that all marriages should be registered.

The Gujerati Hindu Stree Mandal, represented by Lady Tarabai C. Mehta, Mrs. Rasikben Desai and Miss Hemlata Mehta, generally welcomed the Draft Hindu Code.

SANATANIST VIEW

The case for the Sanatanists was placed by Mr. Charanjilal Loyalka, President, All-India Varnashram Swarajya Sangh, Mr. Bhagwandas M. Ramji, Vice-President and Mr. Manubhai G. Pandya, Secretary. The Sangh was opposed to a Hindu wife being allowed to dissolve her first marriage and to take a second husband.

The Rt. Hon. M. R. Jayakar, a co-opted member of the Committee, asked Mr. Pandya, who was the spokesman of the Sangh, whether he would not provide for a straight and honest method of divorce raher than the circuitous method of conversion. He asked whether witness knew that hundreds of Hindu women, either young widows or not happily married, changed their faith every year and such depletion in the Hindu fold amounted to about two per cent in ten years.

Witness replied that he would certainly detest the idea of any Hindu woman leaving the fold, but he would not, under any circumstances, give up the high ideal of sacremental marriage referred to in Manu Smriti.

Varadachariar On "Codification Of Hindu Law"

LUCKNOW, Jan. 30: Sir S. Varadachariar, a judge of Federal Court of India, addressing the students of the Lucknow University Law Faculty on the "codification of Hindu Law", discussed the organic nature of all laws and their revolutionary character whether developed or legislated. The thought that the conventional old of the customary laws in India was broken with the advent of the British in India when they superceded these laws with their own piecemeal and temporary legislations.

The speaker said "this break in the continuity of our organic law has made the problem of reforms and codification a very difficult one. This break-up has led to the emergence of a maze of texts and interpretations which are incoherent to the synthetic whole that Hindu philosophy is and are thus devoid of their logical or sociological justification.

"The advocate of reform and codification", the speaker continued, "takes it as a powerful plea for his cause while the opponent takes it to be a justification for his proposal to codify the whole of Hindu Law into one integral piece and not to attempt at all.

Concluding, the speaker pleaded the middle course of adopting long-range legislation, wide in its sphere. —A.P.

GANG OF CAT-BURGLARS ARRESTED

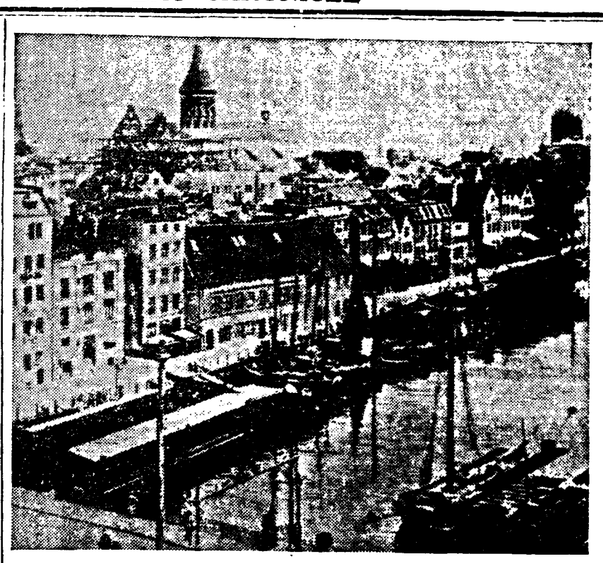
(From Our Correspondent).

BANDRA, Jan. 30.—Through what is believed to be careful and tiresome investigation by Sub-Inspector P. M. Date, of the C.I.D. Branch, Bombay Suburban District, a notorious gang of cat-burglars, who lived in the city, but operated in Bombay Suburban District, have been rounded-up and detained in the Bandra lock-up. The 'modus operandi' of this gang was to force an entry into the premises by removing the titles of the roof, while the occupants were out. A noteworthy feature was that they mostly operated in quarters of police constables and railway employees, whose movements they carefully studied for days before and then carried their operations, at a time when the inmates of the quarters were posted on duty.

One dark night in December last, a man who was seen loitering about in a suspicious manner outside police quarter limits at Bandra, was arrested and placed before the City Magistrate, Bandra, because he could not give sufficient account of himself. While he was being tried and kept in Magistrate's custody, Sub-Inspector Date, suddenly appears before the Court and applied for the transfer of the accused in Police custody.

In a few days the arrested man, Mohomed Sulaman (19), a man with four previous convictions, alleged to be leader of a gang of dangerous cat-burglars, an alleged trader in the illicit liquor trade at Mahim, on constant investigation revealed on 15 house-breaking operations carried out by his gang, from Bandra to Borivli, during the period of the last eight months. This led to the arrest of Abdul Majid, Abubakar Madar, Abdul Hussein Sabdarali, Mattanna Sengappa, Ahmed Dhone, Yusuf Fatehmohamed and Vakatswarmal Umedal, all of Mahim, Bombay, all below the age of 30. Property valued at over Rs. 1,000 was recovered from these persons. The property recovered is connected with 15 thefts committed, 4 from Bandra Police Quarters, 3 from Santa Cruz Police Quarters, 2 from Andheri Police Quarters, 4 from railway employees' quarters at Khar, Goregaon and Borivli and 2 from residences of civilians from Bandra. All the property has been identified.

NEW DELHI, Jan. 31.—It is learnt that Mr. Sudhin Paramanik, a delegate on behalf of the All-India Trade Union Congress has left for London to attend the Conference of the Empire Trade Union Congress.—United Press.



This is a pre-war view of Koenigsberg, capital of East Prussia, where Russian forces are reported to be fighting in fierce house-to-house battles. They are attempting to trap the garrison by a thrust to the sea south-west of the city. Of great importance politically, Koenigsberg is also important for its industry and its capture will mean much to Soviet forces now on the offensive.

Viramgam Cordon To Be Relaxed

Satisfactory Settlement Arrived At With Customs Collector

Mr. C. C. Shah, Secretary, Viramgam Custom Cordon Inquiry Committee, writes:—

With a view to mitigate the hardships of the passengers at Viramgam, the following suggestions were made by the Committee to the Collector of Customs, as a result of the personal inspection by the president and other members of the Committee and the Additional Collector of Customs:—

SUGGESTIONS.

1. Persons who have no luggage or who can leave their luggage in charge of others should be allowed to go to the other platform by twe gates on two sides of the platform and one in the middle without having to pass through the enclosures.

2. Personal search of only selected persons who are suspected should be carried out in the enclosures.

3. One and if possible two more enclosures should be added and each enclosure should have two entrances on each platform in daily use.

4. Platform pass-holders should be allowed on the Kathiawar platform, subject to their being liable to personal search if suspected.

5. Only one person of each party who can produce the luggage for examination and the persons, if any, selected for personal search should be asked to come out of the up meter gauge train from Wadhvan to Mehsana.

SCHEDULED RATES FOR PORTERS

6. The scheduled rates for porters should be duly notified and enforced.

7. (a) The members of the local committee of not more than 7 members appointed by the Central Committee, Bombay, should be allowed to go on the platform to help the passengers in difficulties and to keep in touch with the local authorities to secure relief.

(b) Volunteers not more than 5 for each train appointed by the local committee in consultation with the A.C.C.E. Viramgam should be allowed to go on the platform to help the passengers and to help in forming queues.

8. A copy of the notifications and orders issued so far and which may be issued from time to time hereafter should be supplied to the Bombay and the local Committees.

9. Roof of the Kathiawar platform may be extended at both ends and sideways so as to provide protection against sun and rains.

We are glad to say that the Collector of Customs has agreed to implement all the suggestions except No. 5 regarding the examination of passengers in through trains to Mehsana without leaving their carriages, which is under consideration.

The rates for the Porters have been fixed at annas 3 per head-load by the Railway authorities.

The question of extending the roof of the platform at both ends and sideways has been taken up by the Customs authorities with the Railway authorities.

CLOTH EXPORT AND IMPORT

The question about prohibition of export and import of cloth from and into British India to Kathiawar has been taken up by the Committee with the Textile Commissioner.

The public is requested to see that the above suggestions are implemented and to let the Committee know whether they are helpful in mitigating the hardships of the public.

Reservation For Travel Of Civilian Population

First Place For Motilal's Resolution In Council Of State

NEW DELHI, Jan. 31

Reservation for travel of the civilian population of half of the total first and second class accommodation and two-thirds of the inter and third class accommodation in all mail, passenger and express trains has been recommended by Raja Bahadur G. S. Motilal in a resolution which secured first place as a result of ballot for discussions in the Council of State on February 16. In his second resolution the Raja Bahadur recommends the modification of rules of the Council of State for certain purpose in every general election being held under the 1919 Constitution.

Mr. Hossain Iman follows the Raja Bahadur to recommend to help cottage industries of cotton cloth printing and dyeing to save dying from unfair competition.

Mr. P. N. Sapru comes fourth for his resolution for the appointment of a Commission to examine the report on the question of future recruitment, control and organisation of services now recruited and controlled by the Secretary of State for India. Haji Syed Mohd. Hussain comes next for two resolutions: (1) the limit speed of military lorries and trucks and heavy vehicles within the limits of municipalities, town areas and cantonments to the maximum of fifteen miles per hour, and (2) the appointment of a Committee to review the report on, and suggest suitable alterations, in the rules of the Defence of India Act and various Ordinances from time to time.—United Press.

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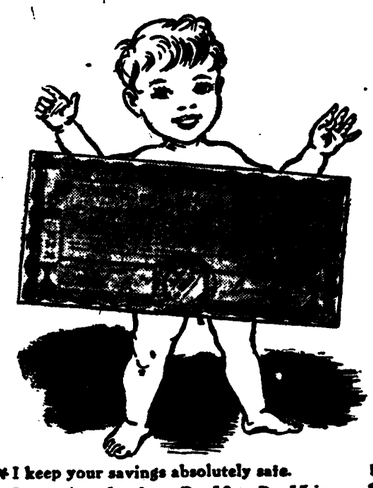

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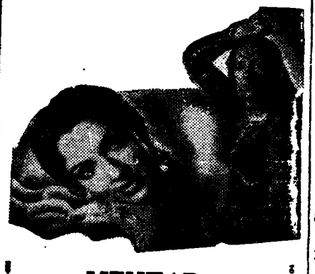

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To-day

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Muslim: Safar 17, 1364
Parsi: Shehrevar 1, 1314
Sunrise: 8-13 a.m, Sunset 7-32 p.m.
Hightide: 3-23, 15-31
Lowtide: 9-38, 21-06

To-day's Engagements

NOTICE TO WOMEN JURORS

Sheriff's notice Re: Women Jurors—Attention is drawn to the notice appearing in the Public Notifications Column.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Beginners' Class for ladies Jehangir Wadia Bldg., Flora Fountain, today (Thursday) 5-0 p.m.

THE BOMBAY THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION: Mr. C. Jinarajadeesa will lecture in English in the Besant Hall, Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, Chowpatty today (Thursday) at 6-30 p.m (S T) on World as Well.

MYSORE ASSOCIATION, BOMBAY: Exhibition of Cultural and Educational Films for the benefit of members with co-operation from U.S.O.W.I. at 7 p.m (N S T) today (Thursday) in the Assn. Hall.

ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY: In response to heavy demand the opening hours of the international cultural Exhibition have been extended and kept from 10 a.m to 1 p.m and 3 p.m to 8 p.m as from 1st to 3rd February

HYDRAULIC & AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES: The incorporation of the Hydraulic and Agricultural Industries Ltd., Lahore, meets a long-felt demand for an organisation capable of handling water supply projects for irrigation and town water supplies on modern scientific lines. This Company will also be interested in manufacturing agricultural machinery to meet the huge demand for such implements and machines on account of ever-increasing Government interest to make India self-sufficient during the coming years in the matter of its food supplies.

BOMBAY METALLURGICAL SOCIETY: The first annual general meeting of the Bombay Metallurgical Society was held on the 24th ulto. when the following were elected among office-bearer:—President:—Prof. N. P. Gandhi, (formerly of the Benares Hindu University), Vice-President:—Mr. A. Schwarz, of the Indian Standard Metal Co.

Prof. Gandhi addressed the house on "Our Goal" outlining the intended activities of the Society, namely the establishment of a metallurgical library, and reading room, and Museum, the holding of monthly meetings and excursions, and the establishment of a laboratory for co-operative industries research work in metallurgy.

CITY'S HEALTH RETURNS: The health returns of Bombay during the week ended 27th January 1945, were as under:

The mortality 709 was 40 less than that for the last week and the death-rate registered was 24.7 on the census population of 1941 and compares favourably with that for the 4th week of 1944 viz 803 deaths and 28.0 the death-rate. The present population is about 23,00,000 and if the death-rate is calculated on the actual population it will be 16.0 The average mortality for the corresponding week during the preceding quinquennium was 626 and the death-rate 22.8. Out of the total deaths 145 were among infants under 1 year of age.

A.-I. Muslim Chamber President

BOMBAY, Wednesday: Mr. Cassamally Munji has been unanimously elected the President of the All-India Muslim Chamber of Commerce and Industry for the year 1945.

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PRIVY COUNCIL'S "NO" TO MULLAJI SAHEB

A. S. Tyebjee Contests Legality Of Excommunication Order

Mr. Amiruddin Shalebhoy Tyebjee has filed a suit in the Bombay High Court against Sardar Syedna Taher Saifuddin, the Mullaji Saheb for a declaration that the order of excommunication made against him by the defendant is void and illegal, on the ground that the defendant has no power of ex-communication and that there is no usage or practice in the community, which entitles the defendant to ex-communicate any member thereof, and that in any case the action of the defendant in excommunicating him was mala-fide, oppressive and contrary to natural justice, and for settling aside the order.

The Mullaji Saheb has contended that he has absolute power of excommunicating any member of the community, who challenges or defies his authority, and he has denied that his action in ex-communicating the plaintiff was 'mala-fide' or contrary to natural justice.

SUIT STAYED

The defendant took out a Notice of Motion for an order that all the proceedings in this suit be stayed until the decision of the Privy Council in Burhanpur Suit No. 32 of 1925 and/or pending the decision of the Surat Suit No. 624 of 1931, on the ground that the matter in issue in the present suit was and is directly and substantially in issue in the Burhanpur suit, which is pending before the Privy Council, and also in the Surat suit.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Coyaji made the Notice of Motion absolute and stayed the present suit pending the decision of the Burhanpur and Surat suits.

APPEAL ALLOWED

The plaintiff appealed against this decision and the Appeal Court consisting of the Hon. Mr. Justice Kania and Mr. Justice Chagla allowed the Appeal with costs and removed the stay.

Thereafter the Mullaji Saheb applied to the Court for a Rule to show cause why he should not be given leave to appeal to the Privy Council against the Appeal Court's decision. This application was summarily dismissed by the Appeal Court consisting of the Chief Justice (the Hon. Sir L. Stone) and the Hon. Mr. Justice Kania, on the ground that the Order of the Appeal Court removing the stay was not a final judgment within the meaning of Clause 39 of the Letters Patent.

The Mullaji Saheb thereupon applied for Special Leave to appeal to the Privy Council, which application has also now been dismissed by the Privy Council.

Sir Walter Monckton, instructed by Messrs. Barrow Rogers and Nevill, Solicitors, appeared for the petitioner Mullaji Saheb.

Sir Thomas Strangman, instructed by Messrs. T. L. Wilson and Co., Solicitors, appeared for the respondent Mr. Amiruddin Tyebjee.

IN AID OF POOR PARSI STUDENTS' FUND

The St. Xavier's College Parsi Association will hold its annual social gathering in aid of Poor Parsi Students' Scholarship Fund under the presidentship of Sir H. P. Mody on Saturday, February 17, 1945, at 4-30 p.m. in the College Hall.

The main item among other items of music, dances and magic will be a farce "Handpacked Husband", written by a well-known Parsi play-wright Dr. Jehangir Wadia and Dr. Lavangia. The plans are open at St. Xavier's College and the tickets will be available daily from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The rates of the tickets are: Rs. 5, 3, 2 and 1/4. Seats of Rs. 5 and Rs. 3 can be reserved.

Prayer Meeting On Kasturba Anniversary

The Secretary of the Congress-Women Committee of the Congress writes:—

A meeting of all the representatives of the various women's associations in the City of Bombay has been called on Saturday, February 3, at 5 p.m., at Bhagini Samaj Office, Reval Building, Lamington Road, Opp. N. Powell & Co., to make arrangements of the prayer meeting proposed to be organised for the observance of the first anniversary of Smt. Kasturba Gandhi which falls on February 11. Women's Associations in the City are hereby requested to send their representatives to this meeting

Inter-Religious Convention

It has been decided to hold the sessions of the Convention in the 2nd week of March, and invitations are being issued to such distinguished persons as Sir Radhakrishnan of international reputation. Dr. Westcott, the Metropolitan of Calcutta, Dr. Dastur Dhalla, the great Parsi religious leader, and Swami Sharvananda of Ramakrishna Mission. The Rt. Hon. M. R. Jayakar has consented to participate. Prominent members of the following different religious bodies have joined the Committee, and others are expected to follow.

Ramakrishna Mission, Khar; Bahai Spiritual Assembly; Bhajana Samaj; Brahmo Samaj; Buddha Society; Bombay Theosophical Society; Sai Samaj; Scottish Mission; Ramakrishna Vivekananda Centre, Dadar; Guru Singh Saba, Quakers' Society; Shankar Mutt; Ramana Socchidananda Samaj International Fellowship; Tatungmana Mandal; Bombay Spiritual Centre.

The latest to join the Committee is Madame Sophia Wadia of the United Lodge of Theosophists.

City Wedding

Miss Bhagvatibai Rattansey, sister of Mr. Devji Rattansey, a businessman and member of the Municipal Corporation was married to Mr. Jethalal, son of late Mr. Vijaysingh Narainji, at Vadgadi on Tuesday. A representative gathering was present on the occasion including Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas, Sir Rahimtoola Chinoy, Mr. Nagindas T. Master, Mr Mangaldas Pakwasa and several members of Municipal Corporation.

Greater Aid To Schools

Governor's Assurance To Promote Education

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The announcement that with the improvement of the Government's financial position, he had given instructions that educational grants should be increased, was made by Sir John Colville, Governor of Bombay, to-day, while presiding over the 'Speech Day' of the Robert Money High School, Bombay.

In his own country, Scotland, said the Governor it was the ambition of even the humblest family to give higher education to its children. In India, however, circumstances were different. He gave the assurance that as far as it was possible he would do his best to promote the cause of education.

Sir Homi Mehta stated that the school was founded by missionaries who had rendered yeomen services in the field of education in this country. He, however, regretted that education in India was on a very poor scale and appealed to the rich in the country to give generously towards the cause of education. He was of the opinion that liberal education would solve all the communal problems in India and would pave the way for unity.

"MONTY'S" FOREFATHER WAS PRINCIPAL

Earlier, Mr. C. A. Christie, Principal of the School, welcoming the Governor, said that the Robert Money High School was one of the oldest educational institutions in the Province having been founded by the Church Missionary Society in 1836 in memory of Robert Cotton Money. In narrating the history of the School for over a century under various principals, Mr. Christie said that a great grandfather of Field-Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery, the Rev. C. P. Farrar was Principal of the School in 1843. He paid a glowing tribute to the Rev. Canon G. Clark, his immediate predecessor, who as principal of the School for over two decades, had endeared himself to generations of students.

Mr. Christie reviewed the academic and athletic activities of the School and strongly appealed to Government to restore the cuts in the grants as they operated adversely on the well-being of the School and the staff, who by their loyalty and co-operative effort, had made the School what it was. The School Cricket XI had this year won the Harris Shield creating a record in School Cricket.

In conclusion, Mr. Christie referred to the Building Fund instituted by the School to reconstruct an old building in the compound. He hoped that in addition to the ordinary classes the new building would accommodate commercial and vocational classes. The estimated cost was Rs. 95,000 of which nearly Rs. 33,000 were collected, the largest donations being Rs. 5,000 each from Sir Homi Mehta and Mr. J. M. Cooper and Rs. 3,000 each from the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust and the Sir Ratan Tata Trust. Donations have also been made by several business establishments. He hoped that the general public of Bombay would contribute the remaining sum and thus help a worthy cause.

Play In Aid Of Leper Home

"Kamiano"—the story of Fr. Damien, "The Leper" a pigay in three acts will be presented by the Sodalities of St. Xavier's College.

This play is one of the biographical series entitled "Theatre for Tomorrow". It attempts to incorporate into the drama the presentation technique which the age of the spoken film has fostered and achieved, pressing into service whatever makes its subject a more living and telling reality. It aspires to be a real "social drama", something that preserves and strengthens the only enduring bond of human society—the love of man for man because of the love of God.

A new stage technique and stereophonic sound system are used in the presentation of the play. As a fitting tribute to the memory of the leper of Molokai, Fr. Damien, the St. Xavier's College Sodalities will donate the net proceeds of the play to the Eduljee Framjee Allbless Leper Home of Bombay.

Plans open at St. Xavier's College (Tel. No. 21247) and Messrs. B. K. Furtado & Sons (Tel. No. 25259).

DATES OF PERFORMANCES (1) For College students, Saturday, 3rd February, 1945, at 5 p.m. Tickets: Rs. 1/4 and annas 10. (2) First public performance presided over by His Grace the Archbishop of Bombay, Sunday, 4th February, 1945, at 5-30 p.m. Tickets: Rs. 4, 2/8, & 1/4. (3) Special show for Schools, Thursday, 8th February, 1945, at 4-30 p.m. Tickets: Rs. 1/4 & annas 10. (4) Gala Night performance presided over by Sir Leonard Stone, Kt., O.B.E., Chief Justice of Bombay, Saturday, 10th February, 1945, at 9 p.m. Tickets: Rs. 10, 5, 4 & 2/8. (5) Second public performance Sunday 11th February, 1945, at 5-30 p.m. Tickets: Rs. 4, 2/8, & 1/4.

MILK CAMPAIGN WEEK IN CITY.

BOMBAY, Wednesday: The Bombay Branch of the All-India Women's Conference will hold a "Milk Campaign Week" from February 5 to 11, states the Honorary Secretary of the Branch Central Committee.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

THURSDAY, Feb. 1.
BOMBAY—1.

244 m (1,231 kc/s)—8-0 a.m. News (H). 8-15 News (E). 8-30 Mohammad Khan (Surbahar) 8-45 A. K. Khan. 8-50 News (M). 9-0 News (G). 9-10 To-morrow. 9-15 Swami Vallabhdas. 9-45 Marathi Songs.

12-30 p.m. Geet. 12-45 News (M). 12-50 News (G). 12-55 News (H). 1-0 Music from Films. 1-30 News (E). 1-40 Music. 4-20 School Broadcast. 5-0 Tokyochya Rastya Varil Tappe (M). 5-15 Mohammad Khan (Surbahar). 5-25 L. C. Mathur. 5-45 Topical Talk. 5-55 Locals. 6-0 For Children 6-30 News (E). 6-40 News (H). 6-45 News Commentary (M). 6-50 Music from Film. 7-0 Let Us Develop these Senses (G). 7-15 Seeta Moolky. 7-45 Bhavgeeten. 8-0 L. C. Mathur. 8-15 News (M). 8-30 News (G). 8-45 Bhajanen. 9-0 News (E). 9-20 News (E) 9-30 B. B. C. News. 9-45 March of Science (E) by Principal G. R. Paranjpe. 10-0 Bombay Male Quartette. 10-15 Amelita Galli Curci. 10-30 Lyra Quartet.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Every great advance in natural knowledge has involved the absolute rejection of authority.

—T. H. Huxley.

The Bombay Chronicle

BUSINESSMEN AND NATIONALISM

The Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay, represents to no small extent the businessmen of the whole country. It has also maintained for years past a staunch nationalist attitude in politics as well as in economics. And that feature was never more conspicuous than in the speeches of the retiring and the new Presidents at the general meeting of the Chamber held on Wednesday. Naturally both speakers dwelt on the plight of India under the economic and political ills created by the war. Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee, the retiring President, pointed out how Lord Wavell himself stated soon after his nomination to the Viceroyalty that the strain on India was nearing the breaking point. Lord Wavell has since only added to the strain. Both speakers rightly warned Indians against the myth, created by British administration and economists, that India is now a rich creditor country on account of the accumulations of her sterling balances. Mr. Nanjee pointed out the uncertainties about the time and form in which the balances are to be returned and "the question whether they are to be returned at all." Mr. Master was more outspoken and bitter when he said that for all her huge sacrifices India only received "the gift of inflation and the security of mere I.L.O.s" from Britain, and that India was only "beguiled by the preachings of the Sermon on the Mount from the pulpit but was confronted with pointed muzzles from under the altar cloth".

Whatever may be Government's professions about post-war industrial planning in India, the facts before us show how fresh foreign vested interests are still being created in the country. Mr. Master pointed out how the "India Limiteds," firmly established themselves in this country, are in fact the subsidiaries of foreign companies registered in this land, how they have practically monopolised for themselves such industries as Chemicals, Automobiles, Rubber, Matches, Soaps, Cigarettes, Boots, Shoes, etc., and how they have thus been able, particularly in view of their superior financial resources, "to stifle the endeavours of Indian enterprise in the same field whether it was on a large scale or on a small scale." Indian businessmen's fears are increased rather than decreased by Sir Akbar Hydari's statement, made on the eve of the departure of his mission to Britain, that the mission would "explore the extent to which war demands on India can be offset by help in other directions. Mr. Master voiced the fear in the minds of many when he said that if those "other directions were to be determined, as observed by Sir Akbar, on the basis of the conditions under which the other side, that is, the United Kingdom was labouring, "we should be deluding ourselves if we believed that those directions would really be for the benefit of and in the interest of India." The entire business community will endorse Mr. Master's demand that Government should immediately give the country a categorical assurance that no action shall be taken in regard to the conclusions that Sir Akbar Hydari's Mission might arrive at in respect of the import of goods from the United Kingdom to this country in the future unless the Indian commercial and industrial interests have been taken into their confidence in the matter and given a proper opportunity of expressing their views in connection with the same. Nay, the commitments that may be involved are so serious that the Legislature ought to be heard before final decisions are taken.

As was to be expected, both the speakers deplored the continuance of the political deadlock and Government's policy in keeping the Congress leaders in jail in spite of the universal demand for their release. We agree with Mr. Master that the commercial community throughout India to-day has been demanding the establishment of National Government responsible to the people, so that it may ensure the successful building up of a sound and progressive economic and industrial structure for India both for to-day and for the future. But a mere demand is not enough. Businessmen should more actively help in the nation's struggle for freedom. Such help will be in their own interests as in those of the country. It is also necessary that businessmen in general should evince more concern for the interests of workers. Else conflicts between Capital and Labour will detract much from concerted action necessary for the achievement of national interests.

Frankly Speaking

Citrine In Greece

The British Government refused the request of a Labour deputation to Mr. Churchill to let a delegation of the Labour Party proceed to Greece and decided instead to send a Trade Union Congress Delegation led by Sir Walter Citrine. Sir Walter's speeches have justified Downing Street's preference. Sir Walter's conclusions may or may not be correct. But two things are a little too obvious to be ignored. He started airing his views on Greece even before meeting a single representative of the other side. Secondly, he has been denouncing EAM and ELAS exclusively and in the manner of a counsel for the prosecution. We have yet to know the real and exact truth. Incidentally, it is interesting to note that according to the B.B.C. EAM has sent a memorandum to the embassies concerned asking for an Anglo-Russo-American Commission.

Flare-Up In West?

A German radio reporter says: "From the Maas in Holland down to the front in northern Luxembourg fighting has come back in full size flare-up." We want to read in this more possibilities on the Western Front than are perhaps, justified. With the Canadians getting into full-scale action, all the Allied armies, two British, three American and one French are now engaged in offensive operations along the entire Western front. The only exception is the Alsace sector where, a fourth American army has been dealing with continued aggressive efforts by von Rundstedt. Here too the initiative now seems to have been regained by the Americans. The position is that the stage is set for General Eisenhower to start the grand assault which had to be postponed because of von Rundstedt's sudden adventure in the Ardennes. Is the move of the Canadians the preliminary sign of a general full scale flare-up in the West? We hope it is because it will be so timely and useful.

Hitler Speaks

The fact that Herr Adolf Hitler has broken his silence emphasises eloquently the gravity of the fast moving peril that the Russian drive represents. On Tuesday Marshal Zhukov had swept to within 81 miles of Berlin. He is quite probably much nearer now. There is panic and disintegration all around. Extremely desperate measures are called for in such a situation. Hitler's broadcast is one of those measures. But it is the speech of a man who knows that all is lost yet is unwilling to be aware of it and anxious to catch at obvious straws. He has not attempted to minimise the catastrophe that has overtaken the Germans in the East. But he eagerly points a far blacker picture of the consequences of defeat. This, in conjunction with certain vague promises—significantly, vaguer than ever before—he makes, is intended to create in the people, and intensify, a determination to resist to the end.

To The Last German

But what end? Hitler has two alternative ends in view. One is indicated in that passage of his speech which deals with the dangers of a Wilsonian peace. It is addressed primarily to Britain and America and although couched in terms of defiance it really constitutes a hint that if the Allies offered good terms he might lay down arms. We do not think that he entertains any longer any hope of separating Russia from the Western Allies. What he asks for is, apart from territorial and political conditions relating to the Reich and the German people, some sort of safety for himself and his fellow-Nazis. If this is not available, Hitler intends to exploit Allied designs against Germany and the nation and use both to the very end for the sake of himself and his Nazi clique. The offer is both too late and unacceptable. But the warning is there that the Nazis are determined to fight, if they can, to the last German. Whether they succeed depends on the progress of the offensive against Germany, on the extent to which vindictive demands so loudly proclaimed by Allied spokesmen have embittered the average German and on his response to Hitler's call.

Controller Of Civil Supplies

One wonders to read in your paper a short advertisement about termination of a service of one Mr. A. M. Wyne holding a very high and responsible office as Assistant Controller of Civil Supplies, Government of India, without assigning any reason.

Through constant advertisement, this office always invites people to join its department. Why then the sudden send-off to such responsible officers of late? If these posts are being abolished, why are not the discharged transferred elsewhere?

Your readers expect clear explanations from those responsible who give such notices to the Public.

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OUR READERS' VIEWS

Ashti And Chimur Cases

A C. P. Government communique of the 29th January brings us the happy news that the death-sentences of eight persons out of the fifteen accused in Ashti and Chimur cases have been commuted to transportation for life by the Governor of C. P. Though we are glad that eight human lives have been saved, yet our hearts are still sad and heavy as to the fate of the seven whose sentences have not been commuted. The country has been agitating for the reprieve of all the accused, and it should not rest till these lives too have been saved in a similar manner. I confess I don't understand why all were not given reprieve. Perhaps, the crimes of these seven were more heinous. I don't know. But, should mercy when shown to eight not be extended to all? Is the quality of mercy so strained? Personally, my view of capital punishment is that it is nothing less than a relic of the days of savagery and barbarism and that as long as this form of punishment based on the Mosaic Law of "life for life" is not erased mar our human dignity. However, stigma of degrading superstition will mar our human dignity. However even with its existence in our so-called civilisation, a common-sense and sane view of the matter ought to help us to see the folly of commuting the sentences of only eight and condemning the rest to brutal hanging for the same offences committed under the same circumstances.

N. S. LEVI.

People's Free Reading Room & Library

A hundred years ago, the public Library—then known as The Native General Library" was founded at Dhobitalao on the ground floor of th old Framji Cowasji Institute. In 1929, its management was taken over by the present Trustees of the 'People's Free Reading Room and Library.

It has, however, come to my knowledge that Government are intending to requisition the Library Hall for their own purposes.

For the last hundred years it has served innumerable readers with books papers and periodicals and it would be a disservice to the public if the Library were to be removed elsewhere.

It is therefore necessary to earnestly appeal to the Government and the Trustees not to shift this well-known public Institution.

R. C. JANI.
Regular Reader.

Medical College At Aligarh

Dr. Sir Zia-ud-din Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University, is flooding the country with his propaganda for the establishment of a Medical College at Aligarh. The scheme in itself is very laudable, and deserves the support of all well wishers of Aligarh, but as it has been initiated by a schemer like the learned doctor, there is much room for doubt about its fruition. He has earned an unenviable reputation for laying down schemes in rapid succession and cackling over them like a hen, but whereas a hen cackles over something substantial, he cackles over empty shells. He is boosting the Medical College scheme simply to catch the fancy of people to make his own Jubilee a success. Before it is seriously sponsored by the community it should be subjected to a thorough examination in all its bearings.

A small town like Aligarh cannot be a good feeder as far as the practical training of students is concerned. It will be a disaster to the University Tibbiya College to transfer its building, books and apparatus to it. This was one of the grievances of the Tibbiya College students who lately went on strike. The University laboratories, with their limited apparatus and equipment, cannot cope with the present abnormal number of students, and it will be a ruinous step to transfer their apparatus to the new institution. During the war and even for some time after the peace it will be impossible to get the necessary apparatus, and recruit efficient staff.

And what about the huge sum that is required for it? In an address made to the citizens of Delhi at the house of Raja Akbar Ali Khan Sahib on December 16, 1944 (one would be curious to know how big that house is and how many citizens of Delhi did it accommodate on the occasion) reported in "Dawn" of Delhi, dated 24th December, 1944, Dr. Sir Zia-ud-din Ahmed said that Rs. 60,00,000 (sixty lakhs) would be required to start it. He seems to be very sanguine about his capacity to collect this huge amount; whether he has struck a gold mine or the University is about to get a windfall, he would keep people guessing.

Before people consent to support the scheme it would be better if they ask the Vice-Chancellor to answer the following questions:

1. What amount has already been collected and what guarantee is there about the correctness of figures quoted by him?

2. What is the personnel of the Advisory Committee which drew up the scheme and who selected the members? Their unexpurgated report should be put before the public.

3. What will be the status of the present Tibbiya College if the Medical College is established?

4. Where is the apparatus and staff to come from? The Government with all its financial resources is at present finding it very difficult to secure sufficient number of doctors for the army.

5. Is it a fact that he contemplates to send a member of his own family to America to bring some cheap degree and thrust him on the institution?

6. Is the University Engineering College perfect in every respect that he is now sponsoring a new scheme? Why not start Technological Institute first?

Such an ambitious scheme cannot be successful unless it has the support of the Government, the Ruling Chiefs and the community. It was first broached in an address presented to H. H. the Governor of the U. P., some time back. His Excellency replied to all the points except this one. Later on a deputation of the officials of the University waited on him to enlist his sympathy, but he dissuaded them from launching it. It was then mentioned in an address presented to H. H. the Nawab of Bhopal last year. His Highness advised the signatories of the address to concentrate on the existing departments in the University and not waste their energies on schemes which are beyond the resources of the University. It is very interesting that neither H.E.H. the Chancellor nor H. H. the Nawab of Rampur, the Pro-Chancellor of the University, has been consulted in the matter, and neither has contributed anything to the scheme. It has not received their approval so far. The learned Vice-Chancellor has not thought it necessary to consult these august personages who are immediately concerned in the affairs of the University. Is it not an insult to them?

"ONE WHO KNOWS."

Sapru Committee And After

The Sapru Conciliation Committee is at work. It has set itself a difficult task, the task of formulating the basis of a constitution for India likely to be acceptable to all the parties and communities, difficult because, thanks to the attitude of the Muslim League, the task appears to defy solution. The labours of the Committee may not go in vain; the material collected by it will be helpful in future attempts to frame a constitution for Free India. But the success of its labours will depend upon the acceptability to important minorities of the basis formulated by it. Unless the Muslim League gives up its demand for an independent Pakistan State, no basis will be acceptable to it, if it does not involve vivisection of India and the carving out of an autonomous and sovereign Pakistan State, and vivisection will not be acceptable to the country as a whole. This is now the baffling Indian constitutional problem.

The questionnaire drawn up by the Committee asks whether, in the event of disagreement amongst the different parties, His Majesty's Government should frame and enact a constitution for India. If, ultimately, the British Government is to frame and enact a constitution for India, it may not be based on full self-Government; it may be reactionary; and it may be designed to continue the exploitation of India. The oft-repeated British declaration since the Cripps proposals is that if the people of India frame a constitution the British Government will implement that constitution. The responsible Indian leaders should, therefore, draw up a constitution of that nature, lest the British Government ultimately impose on India a constitution as described above.

Without a Hindu-Muslim settlement, efforts at constitution-making will be in vain. But, there can be no settlement if Mr. Jinnah, as the leader of the Muslim League, does not give up the separatist demand for Pakistan and agree to a settlement based on the unity of India, which will be not only in the interests of the country but those of the Muslims themselves. Mr. Jinnah will rise to heights of statesmanship if he agrees to such a settlement. Once a settlement is arrived at between the Hindus and Muslims, it will not be difficult to draw up a constitution commanding acceptance of the important minorities.

A READER.

Draft Hindu Code

From the resolution passed by the opponents of the Draft Hindu Code it has become quite clear that their opposition is based more on sentiment and ignorance of Shastras than on reason. The Shastras are not against inter-caste marriage. Most of our ancient Rishis and Rajas, such as Vasishtha, Parashar, Veda Vyasa, Parashu Ram, King Bharat, Pandavas and Kauravas, were products of intercaste marriages, and they were never declared illegitimate children. Similarly divorce also is allowed in certain cases by the Smritis. Not only the wife of an impotent man and an ascetic but even that of a man absenting himself from home in certain cases for five years and in other cases for seven years, is allowed to remarry. Monogamy seems to be impracticable without permission of divorce. As for the marriage with near relatives, it is even now practised in certain castes of Brahmans in Madras and Bombay, who marry daughters of their material uncles. Subhadra and Arjun of the Mahabharat fame were cousins. Objection to daughter inheriting father's property is also based on the narrow-mindedness and selfishness of Hindu men. If Christian and Moslem communities have not been destroyed by this customs, why do the Hindu apprehend their disruption by it? Social laws formed thousands of years back can never suit the present changed condition of the Hindu society. Smritis and Shastras are also man-made. They have been changing from time to time You cannot be justified in sticking to all the obnoxious laws of the Shastras under the pretext of religion. The laws relating to Shudras and women given in the Manu Smriti and the Sutra Granthas cannot be tolerated in this present age. It is unintelligible that people who proclaim equality of sexes and declare themselves most democratic and liberal in politics are so undemocratic and conservative in social matters. Caste system is a graded untouchability. It is the very negation of democracy. A man believing in caste system is not fit to be employed as a public servant, for he can never be expected to act justly towards persons of other castes than his own. Hence opposition to inter-caste marriage will mean that we are unfit for any form of democratic Government. No society is ever free from reactionaries, who oppose female education, removal of untouchability, widowmarriage abolition of caste and Suttee. Should they be allowed to do what they like in the name of religion? A nation can not be free politically and at the same time slave socially. You must move with the time or you are doomed.

SANT RAM.
Jat-Pat Torak Mandal,
Lahore.

"Caste-Hindus' Zooloom"

This afternoon whilst walking along Lamington Road I was stopped by an elderly woman dressed in Maharatta style, leading an eight-year-old boy by her hand, and accompanied by an elderly man. When I stopped, the man gave me a folded paper to read. It was a telegram purporting to come from Vita, District Satara. It ran:—

"Putala struck by Patil. Come immediately with friends", Peru.

I read and translated the telegram. The woman told the man accompanying her:—

"So, Putala is struck by the Patil", she sobbed and said to me, "Putala is just of this boy's age. She must have drawn water and she is assaulted. This zooloom goes on". I said, "Have you untouchables no well for your own use?" She said "No, but this is the village-brook". I said "Why don't you complain to the Mamlatdar?" She said "Sahib, we have to live in the same village."

Well, Mr. Editor, just imagine that these wanton attacks by caste Hindus on "Untouchables", even their little ones, are going on in the year 1945! May I, through your esteemed paper, appeal to some Hindu workers of Satara District to come forth to redress the grievances of the "Untouchables" in this district, which is the back-bone of Maharashtra?

C. B. KULKARNI.
Bombay, Jan. 29.

Kalyan Municipal Elections

It is learnt that Saturday the 17th March 1945 is fixed as Polling Day for the General Elections of Kalyan Municipal Borough. The majority of the voters are daily passengers by railway. It would not, therefore, be possible for them to exercise their right during the short time available in the morning or evening. Most of the voters are thus deprived of their right to choose their representatives Will the authorities concerned reconsider the matter and fix Sunday the 18th as Polling Day?

D. G. DALVI.

Liberators Of The Eternal City

Gen. Clark's "Handsome Compliment" To Indian Eighth Division

(From D. F. KARAKA, "Chronicle" War Correspondent).

15TH ARMY GROUP, Jan. 24.

Amidst woods of northern Italy, the ground snow-covered and surrounded by what looked like Christmas-trees is a masonite tent of 48-year-old three-star General Mark Clark. There is warmth in this spotlessly clean, simply furnished room—the same warmth I felt when he shook hands. He was the first operational American General I had met.

GEN. CLARK

General Clark commands Fifteenth Army Group directly under Gen. Alexander's over-all Mediterranean Command. He rose to this, from a spectacular command of the Fifth Army which came to Rome, the hard way leaving its mark on every milestone of the road. Said General Clark to Fifth Army:

"You have been privileged to make history. You have taken the eternal city. You have done what the forces of Hannibal failed to do. You have captured Rome from South. You are liberators, not conquerors. You came to this sacred spot to drive out the enemy. You did so gallantly and effectively. All Rome welcomed you."

Today General Clark commands two armies, Fifth and Eighth Constituting the Fifteenth Army group.

The slogging through slush, rain and snow to establish the present Allied line from Adriatic above Ravena to the west coast of Italy near Massa could not have been achieved without diversion from orthodox tradition.

"CHURCHILL'S PHRASE"

If Napoleon's armies marched on stomaches, those of Gen. Clark have marched that way also but in a different sense. In no other way could they have cracked through Althuzza, which was Guts Gothic Line pitching for nine solid months against concrete "pill-boxes" and mines and against an enemy which used mountainous terrain as natural power and in weather which for many months stank and in which lines of communication were difficult to maintain. This was no soft under-belly of Europe which was Mr. Churchill's phrase. This was a granite stone behind which stood enemy made of steel. But all this is left behind as he sits in a simple trailer tent in a snug fitting open-neck shirt, relieved by a Green scarf round the neck and three simple five-point stars on the collar. Behind him too, are the beaches of Paestum and Salerno to which Fifth Army gave battle and baptism on September Ninth 1943. There is no noise of trace or shot and shell and only snow falling gently on the tent roof disturbs his quiet.

Under General Clark have fought Fourth and Eighth and Tenth Indian divisions. Said General Clark: "Although they have a reputation for being deliberate I find they move as fast as anything else".

General Clark revealed that recently in the Serchio Valley, west flank enemy had brought pressure. "We sent the bulk of the Eighth Indian Division there. They held part of the line and helped to stop German offensive. This is not generally known but I don't see why credit should not go to the Eighth Indian Division by name now for its part."

CAMPAIGN EXPLAINED

He paused for a moment, his eyes turned to a large map before him in the war room in which with a large stick he explained me the campaign. Then said: "Put it in. We will release it." Without stinting he paid a handsome compliment to Indian Eighth Division saying: "I feel that if we had not the Indians, there might have been serious situation." As I heard him speak, the words of Chow-en-lai, the Chinese Red General came to my mind. Chow-en-lai had said: "If India fights, it becomes a fact." I have never been so conscious of this "fact." as here, in Italy, where one Indian Division—the Fourth—has become a legend and the others fast bidding to share the honours. They are part of the folk-lore of the land.

As I looked at the Allied line the Brenner Pass was only 200 miles away. But long before the Brenner is reached, it will be in the Po Valley that decisive phase of the Italian campaign will be fought. General Clark at the appropriate time will deliver the blow.

"YOU HAVE SEEN THE LIGHT"

His dog—black Shiny-coated cocker-spaniel came beside him. General Clark bent over and patted him. The dog's name is "Pal" and on green leather collar belt wore the insignia of the Fifth Army which had been like the dog as faithful to him. "But we will hit them Pal", he said to the dog and I could not help feeling he was talking to the insignia as well. As I left him after a full hour, snow still covered the ground outside but from the break in clouds, sun shone for just awhile. You have seen the light, it seemed to say."

Bombay Plan & Karnatak

(By G. R. JAHAGIRDAR, BIJAPUR).

The Government of Bombay deserves congratulations for having made an honest attempt to evolve a scheme to increase the well-being of the people by raising the economic level of the country-side. But the scheme suffers from the patent defect of not basing the proposals on the present economic conditions of the people of the presidency. The agriculturist of to-day is not in the same position as he was before the out-break of war. He has got his feet more deeply embedded in indebtedness than before as he is compelled to purchase his necessities at prices beyond his control and imagination. That no agriculturist has made any savings during the last 4 years, is a well-known fact. The fact that Government loan has been purchased by the capitalist overnight ought to convince the man in the street that the poor man has been obliged to remain poor while the rich have grown richer.

The scheme suffers from another defect. The improvements that are contemplated under the schemes are to be taken up in tracts. This system is defective. The schemes ought to have been based on interests, viz: interest of weavers, interest of agriculturists, interest of village craftsmen, etc. Such topics ought to be treated in a way consistent with the magnitude of the problem. The distribution and storage of food-stuffs growing of healthy food-grains are also the subjects which the new scheme if it is to be all-embracing ought to include in its scope. Without these problems being inquired into, any new scheme, I am afraid, is not likely to be acceptable. If the scheme is scrutinised more closely, it appears to be an attempt at symptomatic treatment of the ailment. That kind of treatment does really no good to the body politic as has been evidenced by the existence of th Deccan Agriculturists Relief Act. The Act has remained on the Statute Book for the last 50 years and more and has not improved the lot of the agriculturists by an iota. The New Debtors Relief Act of 1939 fully proves that its predecessor has failed to remedy the disease for which it had come into existence. The application of the Act to this or that part of the province will be of no avail. Human nature is uniform in all parts of the province. Sawkar in Gujrath is no better or worse than the Sawkar in Karnatak, Khandesh or Karachi. Similar kind of litigation in various parts of the province where the Act is made applicable will point out that the land-grabs based on taking advantage of the ignorant masses grows on unabated even to this day. It will be, therefore, apparent that the approach to the needs of the province as set out in the scheme is not the proper approach at all. The scheme, if it is to do some lasting good, has to be remodelled to suit the needs of the province. A rosy picture of the concentrated area as it emerges from the workmens' hands is a picture of the paradise which no practical man would venture to live in.

The scheme also suffers from the vagueness of the improvements to be undertaken during the first 5 years. Under the scheme, only in selected concentrated areas will all practical improvements be effected in one economic drive. The words 'all practical improvements' are enough to create suspicion and any wholesome enthusiasm for the post-war reforms would be damped. If the work was done in these tracts it may be said to justify the failure that nothing more possible or practicable could be achieved under the circumstances. Some of the contemplated improvements are made to depend upon other items of improvements which are also to be undertaken under the scheme. For example, it is stated by the promoters of the scheme 'that no kind of improvement can be fully or successfully introduced until there is a proper access to all parts of the province, particularly the outlying villages'. Looking to the proposed plan of road constructions, the scheme only meets a fraction of the needs. 14,000 miles of village road construction in a vast rural area of the province is decidedly very inadequate. On such inadequate improvement, other improvements are made to depend. This is most unhappy and unsatisfactory state of affairs.

FAMINE AREAS

The framers of the scheme do not seem to have given due attention to needs of those areas which are liable to famine owing to shortage of rainfall. The famine policy of the Government of Bombay needs a change The eastern portion of the Bombay Presidency which adjoins the Nizam's territory is liable to frequent famines owing to scarcity, uncertainty, or irregularity of rainfall. No effective anti-famine measures are proposed to be undertaken. The proposed irrigation schemes are not ear-marked for the areas liable to famine and the small amount of 14 crores allotted on irrigation projects would be eaten away by the schemes to be introduced in other areas. Nor is the distribution of the schemes wisely done. All this has happened because the scheme was hurriedly drafted without making any fresh survey of the needs of the province. The result is that the schemes which were already on the table of Government were incorporated in the scheme without proper investigation. Less industrialised parts of the Bombay Presidency are Bijapur, Sholapur (City excepted), Ahmadnagar, certain part of Satara District and Dharwar Agriculturists living in these parts ought to receive more attention than others and again the District of Bijapur has no irrigational projects worth the name though the Government are quite aware of the plight of the District.

Out of the 14 crores that are proposed to be spent on irrigation projects 10 crores are ear-marked on 3 projects lying in Maharashtra and the remaining 4 crores are to be spent on other 20 projects out of which 4 only happen to be in Bombay Karnatak. About 2.5 per cent of the money allotted for irrigation goes to Karnatak. That is the way how the scheme is to be worked out.

SUPPLEMENTARY INDUSTRIES

Agriculturists dependent on dry-farming have many idle months to spend in villages after the harvesting season. How should they employ their idle months and hours? No list of industries of this kind is prepared by the Government and no measures are proposed to re-establish cottage industries in rural areas. The vacant hours of these agriculturists (especially of the young) are responsible for the general increase of poverty and crimes in the presidency with all their undesirable consequences.

The Land Development Department is taking up schemes which are not tested before in India. The cost of such improvements may be incommensurate with the benefits likely to result therefrom. If the cost of such improvements is to fall ultimately on agriculturists the problem deserves more earnest consideration.

The Government of Bombay deserves credit for focussing the attention of the public on the reconstruction question, before the Governments of other provinces have ventured to put the schemes of reconstruction for the public opinion. The scheme as I have mentioned suffers from many defeciencies which, it is hoped, would be rectified before it is actually put into operation.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

NEW DELHI, Jan. 30.

Sardar Mangal Singh has tabled an adjournment motion for the Central Assembly to discuss the order issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Simla, on a dairy producer under the Defence of India Rules, directing him to sell eggs to all Europeans and only to such Indians as are already registered with them as old customers—A. P.

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The London "Daily Telegraph" reports that Lord Linlithgow may be invited by the Board of the Midland Bank to become its next chairman.

Linlithgow will most certainly be an enviable prize catch. His unique Imperial knowledge, experience and contacts are bound to prove immensely valuable to the Bank in the post-war period.

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According to the Globe Agency the proposal to send a British All-Party Delegation to India has embarked on troubled seas owing presumably to the difficulty of excluding—er—undesirable Labourites.

We agree, of course, that Sorensens and Coves are as much unqualified as Wardlaw-Milnes, Grant-Ferisses and Stanley Reeds. But cannot the problem be satisfactorily solved by Mr. Churchill nominating delegates from the Parties after a careful test?

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A British correspondent, Mr. Gunther Stein says that the Chinese Communists' only two objects in the war are "the same as those of the Allies—victory and democracy."

Mr. Stein's certificate is hardly a compliment to the Chinese Communists (Lest some local comrades misunderstand us, may we say that we are referring particularly to Mr Stein's assumption the objects of the Allies).

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Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has broadcast a promise to the Allies that the newly opened land route from India to China will bring "shattering blows" against Japan.

We trust the point politely hinted at is not missed namely that the road is expected to bring to China in quantity and at speed, the mean of delivering those blows.

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According to the London "Times" King Ibn Saud's adhesion to the Protocol foreshadowing a League of Arab States is "something like a guarantee of the ultimate establishment of the League."

We hope the prospect doesn't displease too much.

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Vindicating his despatch to Greece Sir Walter Citrine authoritatively announces that "there is not the least doubt that EAM to-day is under the complete domination of communists."

Mr. Churchill would be pleased. But he would be displeased too. Sir Walter forgot to add that by communists he meant 'Trotskyites.

Such an embarrassing omission.

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"If it had been the Germany of the Versailles Treaty, Europe would long since have been swept by a storm tide from Asia"—Fuehrer Adolf Hitler.

We note the implied compliment to Asia; it ought to gladden the heart of the Jap ally.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

A woman would rather have other women talk disrespectfully about her than to ignore her.

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When a society girl marries she imagines that the world is eclipsed by her honeymoon.

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A woman is clever when she makes a man think that he knows a great deal more than she does.

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If a man has one little vice it hides lots of big virtues from the eyes of his neighbours.

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Although a man may acknowledge that he has faults he seldom owns up to those his friends accuse him of.

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It is best to wait until winter to buy thermometers; they are always lower then.

Dangers From D. D. T.

During the last few days, we have been reading that D. D. T. the latest discovery in insecticides is being now manufactured in India. This D. D. T., we were told, is sure death to numerous insects and pests. "D. D. T. will be to preventive medicine, what Lister's discovery of antiseptics was to surgery."

So effective is D. D. T. that if sprayed on a wall, it kills any fly which touches the wall for so long as three months afterward. A bed sprayed with D. D. T. remains deadly to bed-bugs for 300 days. Clothing dusted with it is safe from lice for a month, even after eight launderings.

But we have to take note of a very serious warning. This extraordinary new insecticide is not without drawbacks. This is what a leading American journal says about it in its issue of August 7.

"Last week doctors of the U.S. Public Health Service issued a warning (confirming some previous reports—"Time", June 12) that D. D. T. may be toxic to peoples and animals as well as insects.

"Fed to laboratory animals in small doses D. D. T. produced poisoning symptoms, like those of carbolic acid It excited the animals' central nervous system, gave them the shivers, paralysed their feet, finally killed them. The poison was cumulative.

"The investigaters also found that D. D. T. can be absorbed through the skin. But in dilute powdered form in which D. D. T. is usually used, it does not seem to be harmful; despite its wide use as a delousing powder in war theatres, no case of D. D. T. poisoning has yet been reported. The doctors' conclusion: D. D. T. is a definite health hazard, should be used with care."

So concentrated D. D. T. is dangerous and must be handled with care I request that you give this due publicity, firstly as warning to its users and secondly to stimulate research on this point.

V. HARIHARAN.

India's Prosperity Through National Government

Indian Merchants' Chamber Chief Criticises Stupendous Defence Expenditure

"The sacrifice which the Indian peasant with his small margin of reserve was called upon to make was severer than the deprivation of comfort which people in other countries with high standards might suffer". The above remarks made by the Commander-in-Chief in his latest speech was cited by the incoming president of the Indian Merchants Chamber at the 37th annual general meeting held onWednesday evening, to describe the present day India groaning under increasing war burdens.

Mr. Master said: thousands of our countrymen have died and are dying of starvation and yet the Viceroy told us only last December that "in terms of prosperity of man power and of money, India has gained during war years rather than lost."

Mr. Master, referring to the Commander-in-Chief's speech observed: "What he said about the peasant can with equal force be said about every other class of the people in the country."

At the outset, Mr. Master thanked the Chamber for having elected him to the office of the president for the current year and assured them that he would do his best to "justify the confidence they had placed in him by putting him at the wheel."

Seconding the proposals for the adoption of the report and accounts Mr. Master said:

"TALE OF SORROW AND SUFFERING"

India has not declared the present war. Her rulers have made India a belligerent country. The impact of war on our daily life and on our daily wants has been tremendous. It has given us all a rude shaking and a shock which we cannot easily overcome. There is not enough food in the country to satisfy the hunger of the people. There is not sufficient clothing to cover their bodies. Lacks of people are suffering from malnutrition. Whatever songs of glory may be sung on the National War Front under the inspiration from our Government, you will agree with me that there is nothing but tales of sorrow and suffering on the human front in many a home in this land."

INDIA'S CONTRIBUTION TO WAR

Referring to India's contribution to war, Mr. Master said: The actual and the estimated expenditure of the war for the last five years, we are told will amount to more than a thousand and forty-six crores of rupees. I do not know how many more crores this will go up yet, when the Finance Member will be presenting his budget next month. The normal pre-war expenditure of India varied between 45 and 50 crores of rupees per annum. India is, therefore, made to spend now nearly six times more on her defence services than what she used to do in the pre-war days. India has no voice in the determination of her defence expenditure and has no control over the recruitment, training, organisation, officering and disposal of her defence forces. I wonder why the Indian Army should be sent out of India for the defence of imperial interests and be replaced in this country by the British army for her local defence.

"TEST OF REAL SOVEREIGNTY"

Referring to Japanese aggression and India Government's Policy, Mr. Master observed: We are told that the stupendous defence expenditure is necessary in India's own interests for the peace, prosperity and safety of her own people. May I point out that ability to defend one's own country is a true test of real sovereignty? India will be prepared to spend all the money that may be necessary for organisation and maintenance of her defence services on land, on sea, and in air that she may consider necessary if India were a free country.

ON WAR AIMS

"It was therefore natural for the national leaders of India to ask the British Government as to what it was for which they were fighting the war. They had made it clear from the very start, that if the war was fought "to defend the 'status quo', imperial possessions, colonies, vested interests and privileges then India can have nothing to do with it. If however, the issue is democracy and a world order based on democracy then India is intensely interested in it."

Pointing out how the plan of Government was detrimental to the interests of India in the absence of a true national Government, Mr. Master observed: The manner in which the Government have been inviting experts after experts for advising them in the development of future industries and the action that they have taken in connection with the development of the fertilizer. Industry in this land have only increased the apprehensions in the public mind that the present Government cannot serve the true national interests of India.

TAXATION OF INDUSTRIES.

Criticising the present policy of taxing industries, Mr. Master cited the authors of the Bombay plan who in their second report, remarked that in any scheme of future taxation that may be evolved "it is necessary to emphasise that adequate remission should be granted in respect of the depreciation of the assets employed in production and that incomes ploughed back for increasing industrial or agricultural production should also be granted similar remission."

Pranlal On Chamber's Increasing Work

Moving the adoption of the report Seth Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee, the outgoing president of the Chamber referred to the increasing work of the Chamber and recommended the strengthening and enlargement of its Secretariat and the enlistment on its staff of persons having necessary equipment and technical preparation in regard to some of their vital problems.

Commenting on the present political situation in the country the speaker deplored the Government's attitude in refusing to hold fresh elections. He said:

"HOLD FRESH ELECTIONS"

India is supposed not to be governed by the same code as obtains in other countries. While the war was on, perhaps at the height of its fury, the U.S.A. could run a Presidential election, with all the zest and bitterness, which characterise such election campaigns in that country. Canada could conduct her elections, which were fought with no kid-gloves; Egypt has done likewise, and there too the Christmas spirit was hardly animating the election campaign; Australia ran her elections; South Africa had her elections; but, India is the only country that cannot have the elections while the war is on. It is almost a decade now, since the Legislatures were elected; and the same anti-diluvian and antiquated Councils and Assemblies drag on. In the majority of the Provinces, Governor's rule under Section 93 of the Government of India Act has continued for years; and it is a great pity that the limitation period of six months is being extended from time to time instead of ending such rule by dissolving the Assemblies and Councils and calling for a fresh writ. Government are, evidently, afraid of the results which may be brought about by fresh elections. They have created a legend that the Indian National Congress has lost its hold upon the country. The elections would show if this legend is based on reality or only a figment of anti-Indian imagination. I think our political leaders should carry on a strong propaganda for the dissolution of the present Legislatures and for having fresh elections throughout the country."

"FAITH CURE" DECRIED

Replying to the Viceroy's latest speech before the Associated Chamber of Commerce in Calcutta Seth Pranlal decried the faith-cures prescribed by the Viceroy, and said that what India wanted was something definite and substantial and not mere ephemeral illusions.

Proceeding Seth Pranlal expressed his satisfaction at the completion of Bombay's quota towards the Kasturba Memorial Fund, before the scheduled time. He further appealed to his countrymen to work for the cause of Swadeshi.

Mr. Mohmed Hussein Hasham Premji, the newly elected Vice-President of the Chamber thanked the members for the honour done to him.

The annual report when voted was carried unanimously.

NEW OFFICE BEARERS

The following are the newly elected office-bearers of the Indian Merchants' Chamber for the year 1945:

President: Mr. M. A. Master; Vice-President: Mr. Mahomed Husein Hasham Premji.

Members of the Committee (Elected): (1) Seth Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee, (2) Mr. Pratapsinh Mathuradas Vissanji, (3) Mr. Ratilal M. Nanavati, (4) Mr. Vijaysinh Govindji, (5) Mr. Retilal M. Gandhi, (6) Mr. Sankalchand G. Shah, (7) Mr. Mangaldas B. Mehta, (8) Professor Sohrab R. Davar, (9) Mr. Dawood Hajee Nassar, (10) Mr. Amratlal Kalidas, (11) Mr. Sarabhai Pratapraj, (12) Mr. R. G. Saraiya, (13) Mr. Chimanlal B. Parikh, (14) Mr. B. M. Bhargava, (15) Mr. Mathuradas Canji Matani, (16) Mr. Chhotabhai S. Patel, (17) Mr. Dhirajlal C. Modi, (18) Mr. Pranlal Maneklal Chinai, (19) Mr. Nandlal M. Bhuta, (20) Mr. B. S. Dabke, (21) Mr. Mohanlal A. Parikh, (22) Mr. Haridas Motilal Parikh, (23) Mr. Vallabhdas Vasanji.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, Jan. 31.

The market showed an easier trend round almost all sections. Government securities were unchanged.

Following are today's closing quotations:

GOVT. SECURITIES: 3 per cent defence bonds (1946) 102/4 S Lot 3-1/2 per cent Govt Paper 99/10.

BANKS: Imperial Bank (Conty) 490.

COTTONS: Dunbar 304 New Victoria 7/2 Benares Cotton 12/12 Cawnpore Textiles 12/13 Elgin Mills 62/14.

COALS: Amalgamated 50/10 Bengal 682 Ex Div Balgora 16/7 Burrrakur 41/8 Central Kurkend 31/5 Deoli 18/8 Dhemo Main 27/2 Equitable 66/10 New Beerbhoom 37/4 Nazira 19/1 North Damuda 17 Pench Valley 52 Raneegunge 50/8 Searsole 11/15 Sendra 25 Talcher 12/1 South Karanpira 27/8.

JUTES: Angle-India 449 Belvedere 510 Barnagore 212 Champdany 259 Cheviot 294 Ganges 550 Howrah 81/15 India 691 Kamarhatty 664/8 Kankinarah 556 Orient 252 Presidency 11 Union 475.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corpn 5/3 Consolidated Tin 3/5 Indian Copper 5/1 Assam Bengal Cement 17/1 Dalmia Cement 17 Indian Iron and Steel 38/8 Kumardhubi Eng 11/6 Marshalls 4/12 National Iron and Steel Corpn 31/6 (Pref) 140/8 Aluminium Corpn 15/10 B I Corpn 6/5 Calcutta Trams 49/12 Indian Cables 28/4 Rohtas Industries 14/4 Ex Div British Burma Petroleum 5/4 Bengal Paper 215 India Paper Pulp 220 Sree Gopal Paper 19/2 Star Paper 16/10 Titaghur Paper 28/14 Midnapore Zemindary 170 India General Navgn 18.

SUGAR SHARES: Belsund 15/4 Care and Co 27/1 New Savan 29/2.

TEA SHARES: Dufflaghur 28/8 East India 17/12 C T Rutema 18/8. —A. P.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 31.

Local shares moved either ways with operators less inclined for fresh commitments. Bulls, however, liquidated part of their holdings.

Calico 1400, Ambika 488, Saraspur 606, Marsdon 193/8, Monogram 163/8, Jupiter 359, Ashok 632/8, Old Commercial 492/8, Vikram 38/8, Vijay 482/8 Sarangpur Cotton 1290, New Cotton 512/8, New Commercial 725, New National 407/8, Nutan 435, Bhalkia 180, Ramkrisna 430, Rajnagar 410, Rohit 337/8, Rajratna 270.

AMERICANS BATTER AT SIEGFRIED LINE

U. S. Third Army Extends Bridgehead On German Soil

Field-Marshal Montgomery's Hq., Jan. 31:

From Reuter's special correspondent: United States troops have launched a new attack against the buffers of the Siegfried Line north of Monschau.

The atack was launched by American infantry and armour in an easterly direction. Monschau is 15 miles south-east of Aachen.

The Americans have already advanced more than three miles in places, but the Siegfried Line is manned and the going is likely to be slower as the Americans push eastward.

Infantrymen of the United States First Division pushed back the Germans to within just over a mile of the Siegfried Line in the new attack south of Monschau early to-day.

The U. S. First Army maintained their advance and men of the Sixth Division pushed forward overnight over a distance of one to two miles. Troops of the Secon Division cleared the towns of Rocherath and Krinkelt. Krinkelt is two and a half miles north-east of the important communications centre of Bullanget and the same distance from Germany.

U. S. Third Army troops extended their bridgehead on the German soil along the east bank of the Our River just east of the northern tip of Luxembourg to five miles long and one and a half miles deep.

Lakh Americans Go At Siegried

SHAEF, (Paris): More than 100.000 American troops are stabing vigorously towards the Siegfried Line along a 30-mile front in the Ardennes seeking a weak spot in the German defence. At both ends of this front Americans are fighting inside Germany. The Germans everywhere appear to have pulled back their main forces to the Siegfried Line.

EISENHOWER'S COMMUNIQUE

Gen. Eisenhower's 'communique' to-day said: "Allied forces attacking in the vicinity of Simmerth, north-east of Monschau, made gains of one to three miles to reach Kesternich and capture Konzen. We have taken Rohren, two miles east of Monschau in an advance of 3,000 yards.

East of Malmedy we have taken Wirtzfeld and pushed on to Rocherath and Krinkelt where fighting is in progress. East of Bullingen our infantry made gains of 3,000 yards against moderate resistance to take Murrange. The towns of Hunningen and Honsfeld also are in our hands. Farther to the south we cleared the enemy from Holzheim and gained one mile north-east of the town.

South of St. Vith our units are fighting in the vicinty of Steffeshausen east of the Our River near the Belgian-German border. Farther to the south we cleared the German town of Welchenhausen on the east bank of the Our River. Our patrols are along the west bank of the Our in area east and south-east of Clervaux.

From the Saarbrucken area to the Rhine in Northern Alsace activity was confined to patrolling.

North-east of Colmar our forces made gains after crossing the Colmar Canal and entered Wichen Plaine. Bischeweir and Munzsnheim. On the southern edge of the Colmar sector gains tightened the ring around Cernay. Farther east we reached and entered Wittenheim.

To-day German 'communique' said: Fighting in the centre of the western front has spread to the sector of Monschau. After heavy artillery preparation, formations of the First American Army going over to the offensive penetrated into several localities. North of Mulhouse and in the area of Senheim the enemy launched an attack to breakthrough towards the north."

Patrol Activity In Italy

ALLIED MEDITERRANEAN, H.Q., Jan. 31.—Today's 'communique' said: "FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP: Activity on the fronts of the Fifth and the Eighth Armies continues to be limited to patrolling.

Nine of our aircraft are missing from today's operations.—Reuter.

No Publication Of Churchill-Franco Correspondence

LONDON, Jan. 31: Answering a question on behalf of Mr. Churchill in the Commons to-day Mr. Attlee, Deputy Prime Minister, declined a suggestion that the recent exchange of letters between Mr. Churchill and Gen. Franco should be published. Mr. Attlee said it would be contrary to established usage to make these confidential exchanges public.—Reuter.

New York Exhibits Indian Cotton

NEW YORK, Jan. 31: Indian cotton in soft colour combinations of stripe and plaid patterns was featured at a New York display of dresses and suits for the summer season.—Globe.

Dam-Buster's Body Located

LONDON, Jan. 31: The widow of the dam-buster, Wing Commander Guy Gibson, V. C., has received official notification of his death. His body has been found. Gibson was reported missing from a raid on Germany on September 19.—Reuter.

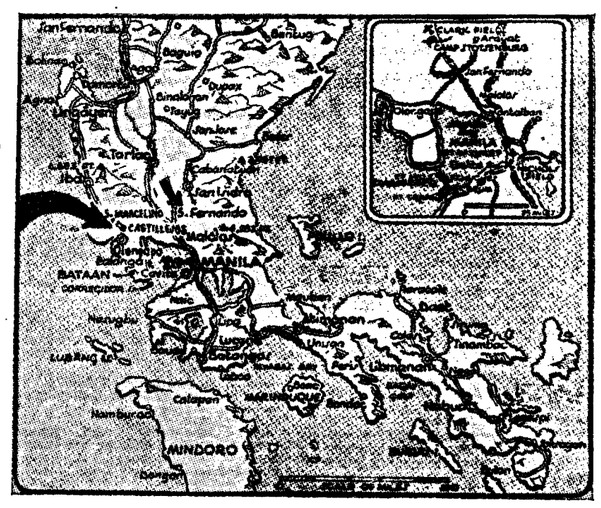
MAHARAJ SINGH TO ATTEND COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE

LUCKNOW, Jan. 31.

Sir Maharaj Singh, President of the Indian Liberal Federation, has accepted the Government of India's invitation to attend the British Commonwealth Relations Conference in London in February next. Sir Maharaj Singh will leave Karachi by air in the second week of February. The conference is expected to last three weeks.—United Press.

VOLLEY BALL FINAL: The final match of Sir Percival David Challenge Cup Volley-ball Tournament will take place on February 2 at 5 p.m. between the Dawn Mills 'B' and Government Labour Welfare Depot, in the Dawn Mills Compound, Furgusson Road, Lower Parel. Mr. L. H. Lawford, Managing Director of the Dawn Mills, will preside and Mrs. Lawford will give away the prizes.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 31: There were two deaths and 19 admissions of sick destitutes in Calcutta hospitals yesterday, says a Press Note.—A. P.



NEW LANDING ON LUZON

American forces have made a fresh landing, without loss, on the west coast of Luzon and have driven beyond San Marcelino, which has an airfield, to Castillejos. They are 10 miles from Olongapo.—USOWI Map. Jan. 31, 1945.

MAHATMA'S INSTRUCTION TO BIHAR INTERNEE

Ex-Finance Minister To Seek Opportunity To Clarify Situation To Govt.

WARDHA, Jan. 31.

The "United Press" learns that following the internment order issued by the Bihar Government against him and other Congress leaders of the Province, Mr. Anugraha Narayan Sinha, former Finance Minister of Bihar, who is now here, will seek an opportunity to clarify the situation to the Government, because misunderstanding, it is stated, was created by the speeches of some workers in Bihar in connection with the constructive programme.

Mr. Sinha discussed with Mahatma Gandhi the qualifications of constructive workers whether they choose to work among the labour or among the students. The following appear to be the minimum qualifications for such workers:

(1) Spinning of certain quantity of yarn regularly each month,

(2) Giving preference to such articles for personal consumption as are locally manufactured on the basis of cottage industries,

(3) To have full and active faith in non-violence and truth as understood by Mahatmaji.

Mahatmaji, it is understood, told Mr. Sinha that above test was good and it could easily be made stiffer.—United Press.

"ABSTAIN FROM COMMUNAL BODIES"

Mahatma's Advice To Muslim Congressman

SURAT, Jan. 31.

"If you really desire to serve Muslim masses my only advice to you is that you should totally abstain yourself from being in touch with communal bodies." This was the advice given by Mahatma Gandhi to Mr. Mohamed Beg, a prominent Muslim Congress leader of Kaira, when he had prolonged discussions on the question of Hindu-Muslim unity with Gandhiji at Sevagram.—United Press.

PUNJAB M.L.A. REMOVED FROM JAIL TO HOSPITAL

NEW DELHI, Jan. 31.

Information received here from Lahore indicate that Lala Deshbandhu Gupta, M.L.A., (Punjab), who had been seriously ill, was shifted to the Mayo Hospital from the Lahore Central Jail for treatment. His condition is reported to be causing anxiety.—United Press.

TWO DETENUS RELEASED ON PAROLE

JUBBULPORE, Jan. 31.

Owing to the illness of Sjt. Mishrilal of Betul who was injured by bullet shots and removed to Mayo Hospital, Nagpur, for treatment, Sjt. Dipchand Gothi, M.L.A. and Sjt. Gokul Chand Gothi, the brother and son respectively of Sjt. Mishrilal, have been released on a fortnight's parole. They have been directed to proceed direct from Seoni to Nagpur and not to visit the native town, Betul.

Mr. S. C. Soni of Chhindwara, who had been detained as a security prisoner and was recently released on parole owing to the illness of his wife, has been released unconditionally, says a Narshingpur message.—United Press.

UNFAIR TO DUB ME AN 'ABSCONDER'

Council Of State Member Denies Press Report

CALCUTTA, Jan. 30.

Referring to the 'A. P.' message that he was an absconder and that the police had declared an award of Rs. 1,000 for information leading to his apprehension, the Hon. Mr. Reza Karim, Member, Council of State, says, "the police did not issue any summons or warrant against me from any court nor did the police issue any writ or summons to me or to any inmate of my house asking me to appear. In the circumstances I had no knowledge whatsoever that the police wanted me in connection with any criminal case, and it is extremely unfair to dub me as an absconder as if I was avoiding the process of law. I am prepared to stand trial if there is any, but the method adopted by the police to undermine prestige and position all over India, injure my professional career and create an adverse atmosphere."Orient Press.

NATIONALIST MUSLIMS FOR FREEDOM MOVEMENT

Branch Of All-India Majlis Opened At Lahore

LAHORE Jan. 31.

A branch of the All-India Muslim Majlis has been opened at Lahore with Khalifa Fazal Din as President and Maulana A. M. Atiqi as General Secretary.

Mufti Ziaulhasan, member of the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim Majlis, who is touring the Punjab to organise the Majlis in this province, said: "We nationalist Muslims have worked and suffered for the freedom movement. Nothing pains us more than to find that the majority of Muslims are not with the Congress in its struggle for independence."

He said that the object of the Majlis is to bring all nationalist Muslims together and to rouse national consciousness among the masses.

He said that it was a matter of regret that the Muslim League was not living up to the expectation of the masses. He added they would welcome any settlement between the Congress and the Muslim League, if both could jointly fight British imperialism. In the meantime, the Majlis would consolidate non-League Muslims aligning them with the Congress.

The Mufti strongly criticised the Unionist Ministry and described it as a repressive regime and as henchmen of the bureaucracy.—A. P.

"NO SECRET PACTS MADE ABROAD"

Assurances In Commons About Churchill's Trips

LONDON, Jan. 31.

A denial that Mr. Churchill had entered into a secret agreement at a Conference abroad was given in the Commons today by Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. George Hall.

"DISHONESTY IN CHURCHILL'S SPEECH ON GREECE"

An unexpected storm blew up in Commons last night when several members rose to challenge allegations by Sir Richard Acland of the Left-wing Commonwealth Party that there had been dishonesty in the latest Churchill and Eden speeches on Greece.

Sir Richard Acland spoke after the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. George Hall, had replied to the debate denying that Mr. Churchill had made secret agreements abroad.

Mr. Hall was prevented by the rules of the House from replying to the charges, apart from saying that nothing had taken place which questioned the information given by the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary.

Sir Richard Acland said he would raise the matter again.—Reuter.

ADVISORY BOARD OF ARCHAEOLOGY

NEW DELHI, Jan. 30.—The Government of India have decided to constitute an Advisory Board of Archaeology, says a press note. The need has been felt for closer contact between the archaeological survey studies and where the archaeologists of the future are trained. There is also need for closer association of learned societies with the archaeological survey.—A. P.

NOTORIOUS DACOIT JAMALA RAIDS SONGAD THANA

(From Our Correspondent)

BHAVNAGAR Jan. 31.

Village Khijadia of Bhavnagar Federated Area of Songad Thana, which is six miles distant from Bhola junction was raided by dacoits. It is believed the notorious outlaw Jemala who had run away from jail is responsible for this outrage Merchant Mirachand Meghaji of that village is beaten and looted. Special police from Bhavnagar has been sent in search of the outlaws.

ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE

17th and 18th February, 1945 have been fixed for the Round Table Conference of All-India Depressed Class Leaders, which will be held in Dewan Delhi. Leaders of all parties of depressed class community, members of the Municipal and District Boards, Chaudharis and Sanyasis of the D. C. community will participate. The social, religious, economical and political status of the depressed class community will be discussed in the conference.

Correspondence can be made to the convener, No. 11, Gali Raja Kedar Nath Chawari Bazar, Delhi.

INDIA'S TRADE COMMISSIONER FOR IRAQ

NEW DELHI, Jan. 31.—The Government of India are seriously considering the question of setting up an Office of the Trade Commissioner for India in Iraq and the final decision in this connection is expected early.

Major Hassan, Trade Commissioner-Designate for Iraq, it is learnt, will open his office in Teheran in the middle of April.—United Press.

NEW DELHI, Jan. 30: H. E. the Governor of Bengal has left Delhi for Calcutta.—A. P.

Allies 240 Miles From Rangoon

200 Square Miles Of Ramree Island Cleared

ADV. H.Q., A.L.P.S.E.A., Jan. 31.

Indian and British troops have cleared the Japanese out of more than 200 square miles of Ramree Island since they landed there a week ago, writes Donagh MacDonagh, A.P.I. War Correspondent.

The Allied airfield at Kyaukpyu is now the most forward operational field in Burma and is only 240 miles from Rangoon. From it planes are already taking off to attack the Japanese in Central and Southern Burma, adding to the still increasing fury of the Allied air assault.

In Arakan, emphasis yesterday was on attacks by Thunderbolts in the Kangaw area, while Hurribombers, attacking 250 river craft along the Irrawady, sank and damaged many.

Today's S.E.A.C. 'communique' says:

Land: 15th Army Indian Corps: Two Japanese counter-attacks during the night of January 28/29 in the Kangaw sector were repulsed. In attacks upon a hill feature our troops have inflicted severe losses on the enemy and gained some ground.

Elsewhere there is nothing to report.

14th Army: Our advance south-east of Monywa continues. The road from Monywa to Myinmu has been cleared of the enemy. Our patrols were active south of Ondaw.

Following further accurate airstrikes our troops gained objectives near Kabwet.

Renewed enemy attacks on our southern bridgehead east of the Irrawaddy were driven off.

NEW DEPUTY E.A.C. CHIEF

AIR COMMAND, S.E.A., Jan. 31.—The Air Ministry announces that Acting Air Marshal W. A. Coryton, has been appointed Assistant Air Commander, Eastern Air Command. Air Marshal Coryton is also Air Marshal Commanding R.A.F. Bengal/Burma.

FRESH AMERICAN LANDING ON LUZON

LONDON, Jan. 30.

The Americans have landed on the western side of Luzon island, says a communique from General Mac-Arthur's Headquarters, Luzon.

Troops landed on Zambales coast and took the Japanese completely by suprise. Landing was made due west of San Fernando. The terrain is suitable for mechanised warfare. The Sixth Army is driving between swamp lands to Manila.

BATAAN TO BE SEALED OFF.

The landings were accomplished without loss of man, ship or plane.

"The operation is calculated to give us the great Subic Bay base and threaten the western flank of enemy forces in the central plain and to seal off Bataan."

Aboard Rear-Admiral Struble's Flag Ship off San Antonio Zambales Province, West Coast, Luzon (Monday): A convoy arrived at dawn this morning and the landing was carried out without firing a shot, after making a 630 mile journey completely unmolested. Preliminary reconnaissance and information from guerillas disclosed that there were no Japanese in the area and consequently the usual preliminary air and naval bombardments was omitted. The first landing craft beached at 8-30 a.m. at three points along the eight miles of the coast.

JAPS FIGHT UNDERGROUND IN LUZON

LONDON.—Elaborate underground positions which must have taken months to prepare have been overrun in the American advance to capture San Fernando, Luzon.

Ridge positions were so well camouflaged that it was impossible to see them until right on top of them. Underground were a complete blacksmith's shop, dug-outs for 50 horses, positions for automatic weapons, food, stores and other supplies. The Japanese command posts were 20 or 30 feet below ground.—Globe.

40 TONS OF BOMBS ON IWO JIMA

NIMITZ H.Q. PACIFIC, Jan. 31.—The 'communique' announces that more than 46 tons of bombs were dropped on Iwo Jima on Sunday. Marcus Island was also a target.

Tokyo Sends Mercy Ship To Singapore And Java

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The Tokyo Radio says that the Japanese Government will send a mercy ship to Singapore, Sumatra and Java. "The ship will carry Red Cross parcels and gifts to prisoners of war. "The ship will be bigger than "Hishi Maru" which has just returned from a 'mercy' journey to Tsingtao in Northern China."—Reuter.

U. S. Raids In Occupied China

CHUNGKING, JAN. 30.

Reuter's Special Correspondent in Chungking writes: Fighters and bombers of General Chennault's 14th Air Force are intensifying blows against railway and river communications in Occupied China in an attempt to disrupt Japan's continental transport system which has attained new importance as a result of her serious shipping losses.

American Headquarters announced yesterday that in the week ended January 24, American planes destroyed 152 locomotives, breaking all previous records. A communique reported eight locomotives destroyed on Monday in a sweep in Northern China.—Reuter.

GENERAL WHO COMMANDED BRITISH TROOPS IN CHINA DEAD

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Maj.-Gen. Arthur Wollaston Bartholomew, Colonel Commandant, Royal Artillery, whose death is announced today commanded British troops in China from 1935 to 1938 during which time the Japanese invasion took place. He retired in 1938.—Reuter.

RUSSIANS NOW 68 MILES FROM GERMAN CAPITAL

(Continued from page 1)

officers have added the map of Berlin to their working list" says a report from Marshal Zhukov's advance columns. "They know that map thoroughly, though they have not had it in their map cases until now. In the cellars of Stalingrad, on Volga steppe or in Orel Orchard they used to take out that map and study it with loving anticipation. Today, they are working on the last lap."

NEARING BERLIN

The Soviet drive on the shortest route to the German capital is being made almost exclusively by tanks, motorised infantry and special motor cycle machine gunner units but there are plenty of Soviet infantry and most of them are travelling in lorries constantly moving up behind. German resistance is savage and sustained, but ground is being yielded all the time.

Picked German units are trying to blunt the impetus of Marshal Zhukov's offensive, but the Red army consists of veterans of the battles of Moscow and Stalingrad, who defeated the cream of the German army.

German hopes that the Pommerain lakes would check the Soviet advance have disintegrated as Red army mobile columns were using them as flank supports for even deeper thrusts into Germany.

The Soviet front from East Prussia to points south-west of Poznan have now been formed into a big bulge threatening Berlin. From this bulge Marshal Zhukov is pressing out three spearheads—first driving northwestwards on Stargrd, an important junction on the approaches to Stettin. The second, west of Poznan, is aiming at Frankfurt-on-Oder, while the third is advancing from the sector south-west of Poznan towards Glogau.

Marshal Zhukov's troops in Brandenburg and Pommerania are being met at some points by German troops who only a few hours before were being rounded up from barracks in and around Berlin.

Marshal Zhukov, by his constant pincer drive is keeping the Germans in a permanent straight jacket, thus depriving them of all opportunities of regaining the initiative.

Troops of General Petrov who are moving ahead with rapidly increasing momentum, may soon be in a position to supply the central group for an offensive against southern Germany, Vienna and Prague.

Big developments are meanwhile expected from Marshal Koniev's front.

In East Prussia the surrounded German army group is melting away and the fall of Koenigsberg is imminent.

The four German towns captured west of Poznan are Betsche, Bombst, Unruhstadt and Tirschtiegel. These are all on the approaches to the vital railway line connecting Meseritz Schwiebus and Zullichau.

FOOD SITUATION GRAVE IN JAPAN

Coffee & Cocoa Non-existent

LONDON, Jan. 31.

"No clothes are made in Japan now. Conditions in Japan are very similar now to those in Germany," according to a Stockholm report which quotes a neutral diplomat who was the first to leave Tokyo since Pearl Harbour.

He is forty-seven-year-old John Bjortzberg Nordlund, Vice-Consul attached to the Swedish Legation in Tokyo. M. Nordlund left Tokyo for Sweden four and a half months ago but his actual travelling days were only 29, his route taking him by Korea, Baku, Teheran, Moscow and Helsinki.

"The food situation in Japan is very difficult for all foreigners and sugars and fats are scarce," he said. "Coffee and cocoa are non-existent and textiles and shoes are not manufactured any longer and even if cloth is available it would still be difficult to find a tailor to make a suit because all tailors and artisans have been mobilised for war duty."—United Press.

BRITAIN WON'T LEAVE U. S. IN THE LURCH

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Mr. Richard Law, Minister of State attached to the Foreign Office, declared in the Commons today that he could not agree with the suggestion of Sir Wavell Wakefield (Conservative) that there was a widespread belief in the United States that when the war in Europe was over Britain would leave the United States to fight out the Japanese war.

Mr. Law added: "The determination of the British people to fight out the Japanese war to end at the side of our American Allies has been made abundantly clear by the statements of the Prime Minister and other Ministers. United Kingdom forces are already engaged against the Japanese. These forces will be increased when the war in Europe ends." Mr. Law said he agreed with a remark by Lady Astor that it was just isolationist propaganda.

Mr. Law declared: "It is most important that people of the United States should understand that we in this country are in both the wars right until the end.

SWEDEN PREPARING A DOCUMENT ON WAR CRIMINALS

STOCKHOLM.—The Swedish Government is preparing a document outlining regulations it intends to make to deal with war criminals and Quislings who attempt to enter Sweden. The document will define clearly what war criminal is and will indicate differences in treatment to be given to them and the Quislings. Special camps have already been opened for some Quislings who have crossed the frontier.—India Press Service.

SYDNEY, Jan. 31: The London-Sydney air service which was to have begun to-morrow has been delayed. Mr. Hudson Fysh, Managing Director of the Quantas Airways announced to-day.

Sir Padampat Singhania Fined

Several Other Directors Of J. K. Commercial Corporation Also Sentenced In Cawnpore Coal Case

CAWNPORE, Jan. 31

Judgment was delivered to-day by Mr. F. N. Crofts, District and Sessions Judge, in both the parts of J. K. Coal case, in which Sir Padampat Singhania and others were prosecuted under Section 116 and 117 and 122 of the Defence of India Rules in connection with the returns showing the coal position in the mill.

Sir Padampat Singhania, Managin Director, J. K. Cotton, Weaving and Spinning Mills and Mr. Nandan Lal Saksseria, Store Purchase Officer, were ordered to pay a fine of Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 5,000 respectively.

In the second part of the J. K. Coal case the following directors of J. K. Commercial Corporation, Managing Agents of J. K. Cotton Manufacturers were ordered to pay a fine shown against them.

Mr. P. L. Singhania fined Rs. 5,000; Mr. Sital Prasad fined Rs. 5,000; Mr. Sohan Lal Singhania fined Rs. 5,000; Mr. P. D. Chandrana fined Rs. 5,000; Mr. Fazal-a-Halim fined Rs. 5,000.

Besides, Messrs. M. N. Khanna, Secretary, J. K. Cotton Manufacturers Ltd., and Majumdar, Factory Manager, J. K. Cotton, manufacturers respectively were ordered to pay a fine of Rs. 500 and Rs. 1,000 each.

The quantity of coal was ordered to be confiscated.—A.P.

BIHAR EX-MINISTER SETS TASK FOR STUDENTS

Gandhiji Approves Scheme For Popularisation Of Constructive Programme

WARDHA, Jan. 31.

An outline of Congress work among the students was placed by Mr. Aungrah Narayan Singh, former Finance Minister of Bihar, before Mahatma Gandhi who is reported to have approved of it. The outline is as follows:—

(1) The work among the students may be carried out by the student workers and Congress workers in close co-operation with each other. Since the students are obliged to maintain college discipline also, their activities will naturally be limited and should be guided with the sole object of developing national consciousness among them. It would thus be possible to supplement their collegiate education with much practical training as may be made available to them. With this in view it will start study circles in each college or probably at one place in each town where the students should gather every week to exchange thoughts, read papers, hold debates and invite professors and outsiders to lecture on previously chosen subjects.

(2) Such students as are of more of serious minds may undertake literacy work for one hour each day among the illiterates in the neighbourhood areas.

(3) Such of them as may wish to visit the Harijan quarters should do so to clean their houses and explain to them the value of cleanliness and sanitary habits and further explain to them the evil effects of the drink habit.

(4) Monthly meeting on the 9th of each month may also be organised when mass prayer may be held and speeches by distinguished persons may be arranged.

(5) Sale of photos of national leaders, tri-colour flags, and national literature by students and student workers may be encouraged.

(6) Quarterly meetings of student workers and Congress workers may be held where stock may be taken of the work done in the past and the programme of work for the next quarter may be fixed. Before every long vacation the programme of special work to be done by the students either singly or in batches which may include the removal of illiteracy, research into economic condition of the villages, anti-drink propaganda may be chalked out.

(7) The Congress workers and student workers who wish to engage themselves in this work should have full faith in non-violence and should spin certain quantity of yarn each month regularly and should give preference to articles of local manufacture on the basis of cottage industries in personal consumption.—United Press.

GADGIL ON UNITY TALKS

"Result To Be Judged According To August Resolution"

WAI, Jan. 31: Mr. N. V. Gadgil, President of the Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee, who was here yesterday, questioned about his reactions to the reported Bhulabhai-Liaquat settlement said that nobody should prejudge or prejudice whatever anybody honestly did to advance the cause of Indian freedom. He added that whatever Mr. Bhulabhai may do individually, he knew his limitations and his position 'vis-a-vis' the Congress Party in the Central Assembly. "We will judge the results by the yardstick of the famous August Resolution," he said.

If a National Government is formed, he said, it should mean a real transfer of power to the toiling masses in one fields and factories. Freedom must mean real freedom, and power to the masses. No hotch-potch Government could evoke that great and genuine response so necessary for a real victory against Fascism. Mr. Gadgil exhorted the Congress workers to carry on vigorously the constructive programme of the Congress.—A.P.

KARACHI, Jan. 31.—Rai Bahadur Shivraj, M L A (Central) and President of the All-India Scheduled Class Federation will receive civic address from the Karachi Municipal Corporation when he arrives here next week 'en route' to England where he is to attend the Commonwealth Relations Conference.—A. P.

MARATHI PAPERS AND A.-I.N.E.C.

Khadilkar's Plea For Proportionate Representation To Indian Language Papers

BOMBAY, Wednesday: "This time also, as before the demand of the Marathi Journalists has proved to be a cry in the wilderness. Marathi Press goes unrepresented on the Standing Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference," says Mr. V. K. Khadilkar, President, Marathi Journalists' Conference, in a statement issued on the election of the Standing Committee of the A.I.N.E.C.

Mr. Khadilkar adds: "Marathi Press is not alone that has received this stepmotherly treatment. Only six Indian-language newspapers have found their place on the Standing Committee, while out of 21 seats 1 have been given to English newspapers. Even out of these 15 seats 8 seats are shared by Bombay and Calcutta English papers among themselves. These factors clearly indicate that the Conference is not only not representative of the Indian Press, but is dominated by a section of the Press."

Concluding he observes: "One knows that our good natured President Mr. Brelvi will, while filling the four seats at his disposal, do everything to set matters right as far as possible and the Marathi Press may find a place there; but it would only be temporary soothing and not a permanent cure. The best remedy would be a change in the constitution of the Conference and equitable distribution of seats on the Standing Committee on language basis. A suitable change in the system of elections would be necessary. This is in no way impossible, if only the present authorities of the Conference mean to do it."—United Press.

MARATHI JOURNALISTS' ASSOCIATION

SHOLAPUR, Jan. 31

At a meeting of the Sholapur Journalists' Association three names have been proposed for the presidentship of the Fifth Marathi Journalists' Conference to be held at Sholapur in March next. The names proposed are: Same Guruji, Mr. D. V. Gokhale ('Kesari'), and Mr. Navare ('Prabhat'. Bombay.—U.P.

KHARE'S CHARGE AGAINST CONGRESS

CUTTACK, Jan. 30: Dr. N. B. Khare, member of Commonwealth Relations, Government of India, addressing a public meeting at the Town Hall yesterday, said that he had been in the Congress for nearly 25 years and was proud of it.

Referring to Congress politics, Dr. Khare said that the Congress was inconsistent. The Congress gave up office and boycotted the Assemblies on the war issue.

Now without gaining a single point, Congressmen were attending the Assemblies and were even joining Select Committees.

Dr. Khare said that some of his friends in the Congress sought his help to obtain paroles and releases. He welcomed this return of the Congress to constitutional methods.

Asked why do they not form Ministries, Dr. Khare replied that some Congressmen were aspiring to be in the Executive. They were jealous of his work regarding South Africa.

Dr. Khare was at this stage interrupted by a certain section of the audience, who asked him not to criticise the Congress.

The Commonwealth Relations Member said that he was proud that he could do something for his countrymen in South Africa. No South African European, he added, could land in the country, according to the recent retaliatory measures.

Declaring that the British people would not be so ungrateful for the sacrifices made in this war by India, Dr. Khare said that India would sign the Peace Treaty as an equal partner of the British Commonwealth of Nation.

Asked if he favoured a National Government, Dr. Khare replied "Yes. An all-parties government, but India should be undivided".—A. P.

W. A. C. (1) Naval Wing Training Centre At Ahmednagar

NEW DELHI, Jan. 31

Under the shadow of the forestress of the warrior Queen Chand Bibi at Ahmednagar, in the heart of Bombay Presidency, is a training centre where girls from all over southern and western India are enthusiastically preparing themselves to play their part in the country's defence.

It has its own R.I.N. section, called H.M.I.S. 'Jahanara' after the famous Mogul Princess and officered by members of the W.A.C. (I) Naval Wing. Here recruits to the Naval Wing, in their smart Service uniform, receive three weeks' preliminary training before they proceed to H. M. I. establishments for instruction in important duties ashore as cypher operators and coders. Confidential book correctors, etc. They have comfortable quarters and mess rooms, while ample facilities are available for recreation.—A.P.

Five City Landlords Fined

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Action was taken by the Hydraulic Engineer's Department for wastage of water and the following landlords were convicted and fined at the Municipal Court, Esplanade, before the Hon. Presidency Magistrate this morning. All the accused persons pleaded guilty to the charges.

(1) Lachmandas Tulsiram Nayar, owner of property No. 103, Colaba Causeway—Fined Rs. 75/-; (2) Vinodrai Chitalia, Manager of property Nos. 395-397, Grant Road—Fined Rs. 75/-; (3) Hiranand Girl, owner of property Street No. 60, Tamarind Lane—Fined Rs. 50/-; (4) Daulatram Chunilal, owner of property No. 554, Girgaum Road—Fined Rs. 35/-; (5) Bai Shelabala Laxmidas, owner of property No. 10, Khetwady 7th Lane—Fined Rs. 15.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION: Lectures on "First-Aid to the Injured" will commence in the class to be formed by the Parsi Ambulance Centre of the St. John Ambulance Association on Monday, (5th Feb.) at 6-30 P.M. It consists of 16 lectures, which will be delivered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-30 to 7-30 P.M. (N.S.T.) No fees are charged. It is open to all including females, at Lady Willingdon Building, opp. Metro Cinema), Dhobi Talao.

CONGRESS CANDIDATES WIN ELECTION

Mr. Ashok Mehta (Congress) and Mr. K. L. Borkar (Congress) were declared elected for the Bombay Municipal bye-election for Ward No. 19 and Ward No. 11 respectively.

VOTES POLLED.

The following are the votes polled by each candidate in Ward No. 19:—

Mr. Ashok Mehta (Congress):—879.

Mr. G. M. Jadhav (Scheduled Caste Federation):—325.

Mr. K. U. Bhaskar (Western India Harijan League):—47.

The following are the votes polled by each candidate in Ward No. 11:—

Mr. K. L. Borkar (Congress):—1363.

Mr. K. M. Rathod (Scheduled Caste Federation):—369.

B.P.C.C. SECRETARY THANKS

Mr. S. K. Patil, General Secretary of the B.P.C.C., writes:

"The Congress candidates in the Municipal by-election, Mr. Asokh Mehta and Mr. K. L. Borker, have been re-elected with thumping majorities. For this splendid result I heartily congratulate the voters of these constituencies on behalf of the Congress. The voters have once again demonstrated in no uncertain terms that the Indian people are with the Indian National Congress, no matter how much suppressed the Congress is at present. I have also to thank our volunteers and numerous other workers who toiled day and night for the success of the Congress."

CHARITY DANCE FOR SHEEPSKINS

Sir John Colville, Governor of Bombay, has extended his patronage to the Charity Dance to be held at Greens on Monday, the 5th instant which is organised by Dr. Framroze Nasikwala, President of the Indian Magicians Society.

The Dance is for the benefit of the Sheepskin Navy Jacket League, of which Mrs. Herbert Smith is the Secretary for the Bombay Branch.

Two bands will be in attendance, one the popular Taj Band and the other the famous ameteur band "The Cross Keys". The "Cross Keys" band has been also playing at the military camps at Marine Drive, Worli, Sewree, Sion, and Santa Cruz, etc.

Eddie and Sarah Jason, the renowned couple in telepathy, also will take part in the magical performance.

Arrested For Taking Notes In Dock Area

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Alleged to have been taking notes of certain activities in the Dock area, Haji Tajuddin, alias Kaiser Mohiuddin was arrested by the police, yesterday.

When he was put up at the Esplanade Police Court today, the police stated that he had in his possession certain books published in Germany.

He was remanded into custody.

Forthcoming Elections Of Thana Municipality

(From Our Correspondent)

THANA, Jan. 29.

The three-yearly elections of the Thana Municipality are forthcoming in the month of March for which lists of voters have been published.

Reserve seat for women had been allotted to Ward No. 3. This time actual elections will take place on March 3.

Founders' Day At Christ Church H. School

The Christ Church High School (Bombay Education Society) celebrated on Sunday the Founders' Day Service which was held at Christ Church, Byculla. Rev. Fr. Fitch, S.S.J.E. preaching to the students emphasised the great need of co-operation on which the Anglo-Indian community will have to do when India will get her Home Rule. He stressed that they should not mind if their departmental heads were Indians.

The Service was conducted by Rev. Canen H. E. G. Tate. The Collection taken during the Service was to be utilised for the Christ Church High School and the Barnes High School Fund. It was taken by Messrs. C. Otter, A. Myers, P. Brooks, S. Simpson and S. V. Mackwan.

At the end of the Service, Rt. Rev. R. D. Ackland, Bishop of Bombay inspected the School students and the conclusion of which the School Captain, Mr. C. Otter gave three cheers.

ACCIDENTAL VERDICT ON LORRY ACCIDENT VICTIM

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

"It is impossible for a motor car or lorry to stop immediately by applying sudden brake. When a brake is applied for a car driven at 15 miles per hour, it will go at least seven yards, even after the brake is applied. Hence accident was inevitable. If you had not driven any car, you can try my car" replied the Bombay City Coroner, when Mr. V. V. Jambhekar, for the prosecution, insisted on the driver's duty to apply brakes immediately which, he urged, would have avoided the instantaneous death of Shamoo Vithoo Chawan (30) on the 29th instant at Frere Road.

Sub-Inspector Abdul Razak of the Dongri Police stated that he found the Military lorry No. 242774 mounted on the western footpath with three wheels on the footpath. He arrested the driver.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

Delightful Dances In Aid Of The St. Chatherine's Home

On January, the 21st, a well packed and most appreciative audience, witnessed a fine dance performance by some of the tiny and most lovely tots of Bombay.

It was presented and produced by Mrs. Perry, better known as Phoebe Vacqueray of Bombay. The costumes were delightful, the staging quite pretty, and the dancing very dainty. All the items were so charming that it was difficult to pick and choose, but the "tinned soldiers", the Dutch Dolls", "Snow" "Humeresque" and "Dot-Polka" were certainly some of the favourites.

During the course of the evening, Mr. Oscar Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate, very kindly raffled a little picture which brought up the proceeds to over Rs 1,500.

The third Engineer of a ship, Mr. P. G. A. Van Eedan who was found smoking in a protected area was convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 30/- by Mr. R. Mathalone at the Esplanade Court this morning.

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Khaksar Leader Arrested On Return From Haj

KARACHI, Jan. 31: Moulvi Haji Khairmohamed Nizamani, a Khaksar leader, who arrived in Karachi from the Hedjaz after a lapse of three years, was arrested by the police yesterday.

It is stated that he was arrested during the Khaksar agitation in the Punjab and sentenced to three years' imprisonment. Against this, he preferred an appeal and the High Court released him on bail. While on bail, Moulvi Khairmohamed proceeded on Haj, the High Court, however, rejected his appeal. He is being taken to Lahore.—A.P.

Hitler Calls Upon Germans To Make Supreme Sacrifice

"GRUESOME FATE IS EXTERMINATING MEN IN HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS"

LONDON, Jan. 30.

Hitler broadcast to the German people tonight on the Twelfth Anniversary of his rise to power.

After recalling allied statements on the future of Germany, Hitler said, "Let me tell the statesmen once and for all that any attempt to make an impression on Nazi Germany by using phrases of the kind used by Wilson presumes a simplicity of mind which is unknown in the Germany of today.

"Any sufferings our enemies may inflict on German towns and countryside and especially on our people are nothing beside the irretrievable suffering and misery which would follow victory by the plutocratic-Bolshevist conspiracy.

It is now more than ever necessary to strengthen our solemn determination to fight on, no matter where and no matter under what circumstances until final victory crowns our efforts.

FULFIL TASK

"We will fulfil our task despite almost unbearable sufferings and tribulations. Whoever stabs us in the back will die an ignominious death. In this hour I appeal to the whole people and above all to my old comrades and all soldiers to arm themselves with an even greater and tougher spirit of resistance.

I expect every German to do his duty to the last. I want them to accept every sacrifice that is demanded of them. Every fit man must stake his life and body.

Every indispensable person, the sick and infirm must work to the last ounce of their strength. However grave the present crisis, it will be mastered in the end.

"It will be mastered by our unshakable will, by our readiness for sacrifice and by our own powers. Today in the east a gruesome fate is exterminating men in their tens and hundreds of thousands in the villages and hamlets, in the country and in the cities.

But by dint of utmost exertions and despite all setbacks and all our grim trials, we shall ward off and master it. That this should even be possible is only because since 1943 the German people have undergone an inner metamorphosis. If it had been the German people of the Versailles Treaty, Europe would long since have been swept away by a storm tide from Asia."

BEYOND COMPARISON

"Our nation's power of resistance has increased so tremendously since January 30th 1933 that it is now beyond comparison with earlier times. By maintaining this inner strength of resistance we have the safest guarantee of final victory.

Europe today is ridden with a serious disease and the states which are suffering from this malady will either overcome it, if they mobilize their strength to resist to the full, or they will die of it. Even he who survives such illness can pass the crisis only by exertions which weaken him in an extreme degree.

It is therefore all the more our invariable principle to stop at nothing in this struggle to save our nation from the most horrible fate of all times and to obey with unfaltering loyalty the command to preserve our nation.

The almighty created our people; in defending their existence we defend his work. If this defence involves indescribable and unparalleled misery, suffering and pain, that only serves to enhance our love for them.

But it also serves to imbue us with the hardness necessary to make us do our duty even at the worst moments of the crisis, to do our duty not only towards honourable and eternal Germany but also towards those dishonourable few who forswear their nationhood.

Thus in this fateful struggle there is only one command: he who covers himself with honour in the fight will be able to save his own life and that of his kin. He who stabs us in the back in a base and cowardly manner will inevitably die an ignominious death.

REPEAT PROPHECY

"I repeat my prophecy of former days: not only will Great Britain be incapable of taming Bolshevism but her own development must necessarily be more and more that of a body infected with this wasting disease—the democracies will not be able to rid themselves of the evil spirits called by them from Asia's steppes.

All the small European nations who capitulated trusting in Allied guarantees are heading for complete extermination. This fate is so inevitable that it does not matter in the least whether it materialises a little sooner or later. But Germany will never suffer that fate.

So much is guaranteed by the victory we gained at home 12 years ago.

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The practicable and immediate relief to the situation lies, to a considerable extent, in the hands of the people themselves, just by taking care that no water is allowed to be wasted in any manner.

Let every citizen, therefore, observe the following instructions very scrupulously:—

i. No water tank or reservoir on house tops shall be allowed to overflow or left leaking.

ii. No room or flat shall ever be locked before examining every tap in the house against the open tap causing enormous waste of water during the owner's absence.

iii. No tap shall be allowed to have any leakage.

iv. No needless overflow of water shall be allowed during washing of clothes or utensils.

v. The public tap shall never be left open.

vi. Generally no wastage of water shall be permitted in any way whatsoever.

vii. As far as possible water should be used sparingly.

ITALY A "VAST KILLING-PEN"

LONDON, Jan. 30—"Holding on to Italy is proving to be one of Germany's fatal strategic mistakes," says the "Sunday Express."

"We forced that mistake upon her. She might have moved from Italy but she dare not move back in a vast killing-pen from which there is no escape."—GLOBE.

MACLAREN BELONGED TO "GOLDEN AGE OF CRICKET"

MADRAS, Jan. 31.

Sir Pelham Warner, Deputy Secretary of Melborne Cricket Club, in a letter to Mr. K. S. Ranga Rao, Hon' Secretary to the Board of Control for Cricket in India, acknowledging the letter of sympathy on the death of Archie MacLaren, says he was a very fine cricketer and was one of the four best batsmen in what has been called "the Golden Age of Cricket", the other three being Jackson, Fry and Ranji.—A. P.

LAMA AT SARNATH

SARNATH, Jan. 30.

Rimbushi Gaden Ikhang Tuwku, the Third-Avatar-Lama of Tibet, who is on a pilgrimage to Buddhist sacred places, has arrived at holy Isipatna, Sarnath, and is staying there as the guest of the Maha Bodhi Society. The Lama will also visit Buddhist Gaya, Kusyufara and Lumbini.—A. P.

The Bombay Colour and Chemical Merchants' Association has requested His Excellency the Governor of C. P. and His Excellency the Viceroy of India telegraphically to save the precious lives of the Chimur-Ashti political prisoners.

(Continued From Col. 2)

Whatever our enemies may plot, whatever suffering they inflict on our people will be nothing compared with the irremediable misery and calamity which would be our lot if ever the conspiracies of plutocrats and Bolshevists proved victorious."

"It is therefore, on this Twelfth Anniversary of our rise to power, more than ever necessary to fortify our hearts and strengthen our solemn determination to fight on, no matter where and no matter under what circumstances, until final victory crowns our efforts.

"I shall continue in the years to come to walk this path of uncompromising struggle for my people, undeflected by any misery or danger and imbued with the sacred conviction that in the end almighty God will not abandon a man who throughout his life wanted nothing but to preserve his people from a fate which they did not deserve either by virtue of their numbers or still less their importance.

"In this hour I appeal to the whole German people and, above all, to my old comrades and, to all soldiers to arm themselves with an even greater and tougher spirit of resistance until the day when we, as we did once before shall place on our cenotaph a wreath with ribbons bearing the inscription 'yours are the laurels in spite of everything.'

I expect every German to do his duty to the last. I want them to bear every sacrifice that is and will be demanded of them. I expect every fit German to stake his life and body in the battle.

I expect every indispensable person, sick and infirm, to work to the last ounce of their strength. I expect the urban populations to force weapons for this struggle.

I expect the peasants to provide bread for the soldiers and workers in this struggle and to cut their own needs to the bone. I expect all women and girls to continue to support the struggle with the utmost fanaticism. I appeal with particular confidence to the German youth."

Hitler concluded his speech with the words "once again in this struggle victory will go not to the Asiatic steppes but to Europe and at its head a nation which for 1500 years now has been Europe's foremost power against the east and will remain so—our greater German Reich, the German nation." The speech lasted sixteen minutes.—Reuter.

CITY MARKETS

Share Bazar Closed

BOMBAY, Jan. 31.

The President of the Bombay Stock Exchange decided to keep the market closed to-day after taking general sense of the members.

In view some members being reported to have done business beyond stipulated time, it was decided to keep the market open on Saturdays for regular trading.

This decision is now resented by the staff as it is very difficult for them to cope with the daily routine work and prepare weekly statements of deliveries and clearings. There was much discussion on the subject to-day and no decision is arrived at. In the mean time the market remained closed to-day. The Board is in favour of keeping the market open on Saturdays with a view to avail equal facilities to all when there are rapid developments in the war situation.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

Tata Ordinary 396, Tata Deferred 2090, Indian Iron 38/6, Steel Corpn. of Bengal 31/6, Bombay Dyeing 1772/8, Central India 383/12, Century 890, Gokak 290/10, Kohinoor 586/4, Simplex 251, Andhra Valley 1802/8, Tata Hydro 206/4, Tata Power 1865, Associated Cement 228, Belapur 218/2, Bombay Burma (Old) 542/8.

Gold & Silver

Yesterday late at night there was active short covering which improved quotations but to-day there was renewed selling. There is utter absence of confidence and tone remains weak.

The Reserve Bank of India sold today 300 bars Silver at Rs. 120/4 and 15,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 65/2.

Forward Silver opened at Rs. 120/8 and declined to Rs. 118/12 under heavy selling and later steadied at Rs. 119. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 119/4. Forward Gold opened at Rs. 65/8 and declined to Rs. 64/8 and later steadied at Rs. 64/12. The recent drastic fall is mainly due to heavy liquidation of long interest and stocks which were firmly held are now freely offered for which there is no demand. Opinions have no value at present as the market is very sensitive and nervous and likely to move erratically.

The market made several minor price movements on either side and finally the market closed very steady on the theory of inflation: Closing quotations. Ready Silver Rs. 120/2, Forward Rs. 119/4. Ready Gold Rs. 66/6, Forward Rs. 66/2. Sovereigns Rs. 44/12.

Bombay Cotton

The market opened to-day at Rs. 444/8 for March delivery and improved to Rs. 445 under scattered buying. At this level there was some selling and March declined to Rs. 442 but again steadied at Rs. 443/4. The recent rapid decline of over Rs. 25 has left the market in a healthy state and one fails to find any sound reason for continuation of the decline. It is true that heavy liquidation has taken place but arrivals are light and the market is entitled to a reaction.

Later under moderate buying March improved to Rs. 445. At this level there was renewed selling by Karachi operators. Morning buyers were also liquidating purchases and March declined to Rs. 439. Scattered covering appeared and quotation rallied to Rs. 441/8. The market finally closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C.	442	4	0
I.C.C.	453	8	0
I.C.C.	464	8	0

Bombay Produce

Produce market was quietly steady with a moderate business Groundnuts Bombay Bold were placed at Rs. 14/12 and Nizam were quoted at Rs. 13/12. Khandesh quality Rs. 15/4, Goa delivery was placed at Rs. 14/8 and March was quoted at Rs. 14/11; Castorseeds ready Rs. 15/14 and January March stood at Rs. 15/12; Goa delivery was also quoted at Rs. 15/12. Linseed C. P. and U. P. was quoted at Rs. 15/12. G.I.P. Stations Rs. 15/9 and N. S. Ry. was quoted at Rs. 15/9.

INDIAN COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton March Contract is 461 cent points under New York March at Exchange rate at 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.

	Hi.	Lo.	Close.
I.C.C. March	448/12	441/8	442/12
I.C.C. May	460/8	453	454/8
I.C.C. July	471/8	464	465
Karachi March	46/12/6	—	45/14

MONEY MARKET.

Bombay, Jan. 31.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/st. 1/6 1/4 1 and 2 months, 1/6 9/32 3 to 6 months.

B. C. RATES: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16.

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32.

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 1/8.

LDN/NEW YORK:

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs. 332 3/4.

Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327.

LDN/MONTREAL:

Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2.

Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 295 1/4.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Dull.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c. Bank of England Rate 2 p.c.

Money:—Call, one and two months 1/4 p.c. 3 to 6 months 1/2 p.c. 6 to 11 months 3/4 p.c. 12 months 1 1/4 p.c.

Tone:—Easy.

FURTHER INCREASE OF RS. 3 CRORES IN CURRENCY.

BOMBAY, Jan. 31.

The weekly statement of the Reserve Bank of India for the week ended 26 inst. shows further increase of in note issue over Rs. 31 crores. Total notes issued now stand at Rs. 1044,20,-70,000 against Rs. 1041,14,99,000 in the previous week.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

LIABILITIES: Notes held in the Banking Department Rs. 10,19,54,000; Notes in circulation Rs. 1034,01,16,000; Total Notes issued Rs. 1044,20,70,000. Total Liabilities Rs. 1044,20,70,000.

ASSETS: A. Gold Coin and Bullion:—(a) Held in India Rs. 44,41,43,000; Sterling Securities Rs. 929,32,99,000; Total of A. Rs. 973,74,32,000; B. Rupee Coin Rs. 12,62,39,000; Government of India Rupee Securities Rs. 57,83,99,000. Total Assets Rs. 1044,20,70,000.

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities 93.252 per cent.

MADRAS SHARE BAZAR.

MADRAS, Jan. 31.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Deccan 39/4, Do. 93, India Sugar 34, South India 16/8.

PLANTINGS: Cochin Malabar 15/13, Chembra Peaks 9/2, High Produce 33/4, Kaipettas 36/8, Kalasa 15, Malankara 80, Manalur 6/10, Ouchterlony 9/7, Thirumbadi 4/4, Pullangdoes 2/12, Vaikundam 19, Vellamlai 30, Vellamlai 3/12, Vellitam 30.

TEXTILES: B and C Ordy 330 B A Subramania 95, Dhanalaxmi 400, Janardhana 120, Kaleewarar 725, Kothari Tex 32/12, Mettur 258, Vasantha 312.

MISCELLANEOUS: And Cement 109/8, Hind Trust 26, Ind. St. Roll 9, Mysore Chem. and Fert. 26/8, Mettur Chem. 16, Do. Dfd. 6/6, Singareni 21, Spencer 14.

CALICUT QUOTATIONS.

CALICUT, Jan. 31.

Cocoanuts Raw 95, Dry 82, Cocoanut Oil 362, Copra Office 220, Dilpasand 240, Madrashottam 230, Good Goodda 230, Pepper Wynaad 380, Country 370, Dry Ginger Chernad 290, Ernad 270, Coffee Robusta 90.

REPLACEMENT BUYING IN NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.

Opening gains extended on price-fixing and New Orleans replacement buying due to tightness of contracts and rumours that there will be no change in the Government programme for 1945. Continued good war news and talk of early peace and weakness of Sao Paulo and the Bombay markets were ignored, but realising eventually reduced gains. Later the market was quiet in face of exceptionally favourable war news and vague peace chatter. The session closed steady.

The market opened at about the lowest level of the day at 21.67 for March and advanced to 21.81 which was the highest level reached. The session finally closed at a rise of 2 to 10 points. Spot cotton price was raised 6 points at 22.07 c. per lb.

NEW YORK COTTON.

March 21.73+06, May 21.57+10, July 21.18+07, October 20.47+04, December 20.37+02, January 20.31+02, March highest 21.81+14 (10-58 a.m.), March lowest 21.67 (10 a.m.), Middling Spot 22.07+06.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

March 21.72+04, May 21.58+05, July 21.20+03, Middling, Spot 21.15+05.

NEW YORK COTTON, NOON CALL.

March 21.76, May 21.58, July 21.18.

LONDON BULLION.

London, Jan. 30:

Spot 25-1/2, Forward 25/1/2. Gold Bars Fine Pine per oz. £8/6/0.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

T. T. London on:—

New York sellers 4.02-1/2, buyers 4.03-1/2, Madrid official 44.00, Montreal sellers 4.43, buyers 4.47, Zurich sellers 17.3, buyers 17.4, Stockholm sellers 16.85, buyers 16.96.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Rupee Paper 3-1/2 p c £73, Consols 2-1/2 p c £32-3/8, Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961 £106-13/16, War Loan 3-1/2 p c £104-11/16, Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90 £114-3/16, Victory Bonds 4 p c £112-7/8, Chartered Bank of I. A. & China £10-7/8, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.) £84-1/2, National Bank of India £43.

BHUJ, Jan. 31.

To-day's Hundi rate of Koris 356/8.

MEN OF EAM AND ELAS ARE OF HIGH PURPOSE

ATHENS, Jan. 30.

Sir Walter Citrine head of the British Trade Union Delegation in Greece, on the eve of his return to Britain said to-night that he regretted references made in the British House of Commons to the original members of the E. A. M.

"We are satisfied that many of these people were of high integrity. It seems that the same was true of ELAS and that many were men of military competence, integrity and high purpose. We think we can see the process of disintegration which has been going on in the EAM. There is not the least doubt that EAM to-day is under complete domination of Communists".

Declaring that the economic position struck the delegation as a cardinal point in the whole situation, Sir Walter Citrine added "It is like living in a power magazine, and something will have to be done pretty quickly to improve the material position if tranquillity is to come."—Reuter.

Indian Delegates For World T. U. C.

LONDON, Jan. 30: Mr. A. K. Mukerji, Secretary of the Indian Federation of Labour and one of the secretaries of the Radical Democratic Party, arrived in London by air from India to attend the General Council of International Federation of Trade Unions on February 1 and 2.

Mr. A. K. Pillai and Mr. A. K. Mukerji are representing the Indian Federation on the General Council of International Federation of Trade Unions and are delegates to the World Trade Union Conference meeting in London from February 6 for ten days.—Reuter.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY
SPECIAL CONVOCATION FOR
CONFERRING DEGREES
12th February, 1945

THE SPECIAL CONVOCATION for conferring degrees which was announced to be held on the 10th February, 1945 will be held, instead on MONDAY, the 12th FEBRUARY, 1945.

By Order,
S. R. DONGERKERY,
University Registrar.

Bombay, 31st January 45. 1959

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.
City Engineer's Department.
(Works Branch)
NOTICE.

TENDERS for the supply of (1) Labour for running the Municipal Asphalt Plant (Mixing Works) at Worli Road No. 11 and for laying Asphalt Mix on Roads and (2) about 700 brass of Fine Sand from Juhu, will be received upto 1 p.m. (B. T.) on Friday, the 9th February, 1945.

Tenders should be addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and delivered at the office of the Chief Accountant, Municipal Offices, Fort, Bombay, enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the description of the tender.

Forms of tender, specification, etc. will be issued on payment of Rupee one only per copy to any one deputed to receive them by the City Engineer, who will on application give any further information that may be required.

In case of a firm, the names of all the partners must invariably be specified in the tender.

The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

The tender must be brought duly sealed to the Municipal Office and delivered at the Chief Accountant's Office as directed above. Tenderers shall not be allowed to fill in or seal their tenders at the Chief Accountant's or any other Municipal office.

(Sd.) N. V. MODAK,
City Engineer.

Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 30th January, 1945. (1962)

SHERIFF'S NOTICE RE:
WOMEN-JURORS

EVERY WOMAN between the ages 25 and 60, who is a British Subject or a Subject of the United States of America and is resident within the Town and Island of Bombay, and who is a Graduate of a recognised University (where the medium of instruction is English), or is able to understand and speak the English Language and is in receipt of an income of rupees one hundred and fifty a month or upwards, or is the wife, or (if unmarried), the daughter of a person who is in receipt of an income of rupees one hundred and fifty a month or upwards is qualified to apply to serve as a Juror.

Women qualified as above and desiring to serve as Jurors should apply in writing to the Sheriff of Bombay, High Court, before the 1st day of March 1945 giving the following particulars:—

(1) Name in full (Block letters, surname first) (2) Age (3) Nationality (4) Residence (5) Educational qualifications (6) Income of applicant|husband|father (7) Religion (8) Occupation.

J. B. GREAVES,
Sheriff of Bombay.

Sheriff's Office,
High Court, Bombay,
Dated this 31st January, 1945. 1963

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.
STORES DEPARTMENT.

TENDERS for the annual supply of materials menticned below will be received by the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay for the year ending 28th February 1946 on FRIDAY THE 16TH FEBRUARY, 1945.

(1) Globes, glass for Hurricane and Petromax lanterns; (2) Leather Hide; (3) Paulin Canvas; (4) Picks and Powras; (5) Tools, Augers and Spanners; (6) Yarn Spun; (7) Iron Castings (Special upto 24" dia.); (8) Iron Castings C. I. Manhole Frames and Covers; (9) Iron Castings (Tested Drainage Articles); (10) Iron Castings (Miscellanecus and Water Works); (11) Cloth Oil and Rubber Sheeting; (12) Coats, Woollen; (13) Umbrellas; (14) Ferrules, Cocks, Taps, etc.; (15) Spindles and Glands, Gunmetal for Hydrants and (16) Hose Canvas (17) Brooms Goa.

Tender and Contract forms will be issued by the undersigned on payment of Re. 1|- per set of agreement forms and Annas 4|- per set of schedule forms. Tenderers must bring their tenders duly sealed to the Municipal Office and deliver them at the Chief Accountant's office. Tenderers shall not be allowed to fill in or seal their tenders at the Chief Accountant's or any other Municipal Office.

Any further information required will be supplied on an application to the undersigned. TENDER FORMS WILL NOT BE SENT BY V. P. P.

By Order of the Municipal Commissioner,
A. H. K. SHAIKH,
Controller of Stores.

Office of the Controller of Stores, 566, DeLisle Road, Bombay No. 11.
1st February, 1945. (1961)

PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Controller of Inspection I.S.D. Inspection Circle, Bombay.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the following temporary posts from Male and Female candidates.

1. STENO-TYPISTS.
Scale of pay Rs. 60-4-100-3-160 (Old) and Rs. 50-60-2-80 (New) plus Rs. 15|- Steno Allowance. Typing speed not less than 35 words per minute and fair knowledge of Short-Hand.

In the case of new entrants, the starting salary of Steno-Typists having one year's previous typing or clerical experience will be fixed at Rs. 60|- in the grade of Rs. 60-2-80 plus Rs. 15|- (Steno-Graphy Allowance).

2. STENO-GRAPHERS.
Scale of pay Rs. 130-5-200 (Old) and Rs. 90-5-160 (New). Speed in Short-hand must not be less than 110 words per minute and 45 words per minute in typing.

Old scale of pay is applicable to those in continuous Government service prior to 16-7-31.

Minimum educational qualifications required for both is Matriculation which can be relaxed in deserving cases of Steno-Typists only.

The above posts carry the usual Dearness Allowance (Rs. 18|- p. m. at present) sanctioned from time to time by the Government of India. No travelling allowance is admissible for interview or for joining the appointment. Applications should be submitted immediately to:—

The Controller of Inspection,
I.S.D. Inspection Circle,
Feltham House, Graham Road,
Ballard Estate, Bombay,

stating age, nationality, educational qualifications, experience etc. (1956)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

ALL APPROVED DEALERS in Brass Utensils, whose names have been notified under the Brass Utensils Control Order are advised to make it clear in their notice boards that they are approved dealers in brass utensils.

C. C. DESAI,
Controller General of Civil Supplies. 1957

NOTICE

STOCK RETURNS OF CLOTH FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 31ST JANUARY, 1945.

The above-mentioned return is due by the 10th of February 1945 and is to be submitted in duplicate in Form III appended to the Bombay Cotton Cloth Dealers' Licensing Order 1943 to the Provincial Textile Controller, so far as Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District are concerned and to the District Magistrate concerned elsewhere in the mofussil. IF NO BUSINESS HAS BEEN DONE, BLANK RETURNS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED. Licence holders are requested to see that the stock returns are submitted in time.

J. K. THAKARE,
Provincial Textile Controller,
Bombay.

Bombay, 27th January 1945. 1953

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that share certificate No. B 61892 for 20 shares Nos. 46599/46618 in the Reserve Bank of India issued in the name of Chhotalal Devji has been lost, destroyed. Due notice thereof has been given to the bank and all persons are warned against dealing with the said certificate in any way.

CHHOTALAL DEVJI.
Shareholder. 7180

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No. M. 895 of 1945

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S. R. DONGERKERY,
University Registrar.

Bombay, 30th January, 1945. 1955

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that share certificate No. B 61836 for 20 shares nos. 46619/46638 in the Reserve Bank of India, issued in the name of Shamjee Premjee has been lost or destroyed. Due notice thereof has been given to the bank and all persons are warned against dealing with the said certificate in any way.

SHAMJEE PREMJEE,
Share-holder. 7181

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NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MAHOMEDALI DOSTMAHOMED, of Bombay Khoja Mahomedan Inhabitant the Receiver appointed in High Court Suit No. 340 of 1935 (MAHOMEDALI DOSTMAHOMED & Anr. v|s. Bai SHIRINBAI widow & Anr.) has contracted to sell pursuant to the Judge's Order, dated 6th October, 1944, the undermentioned property to our client. Any person having any claim against or to the said property of whatsoever kind is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 36, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within FOURTEEN DAYS from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

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Dated this 31st day of January, 1945.

GHULAMALI NOORANI & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. 1960

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